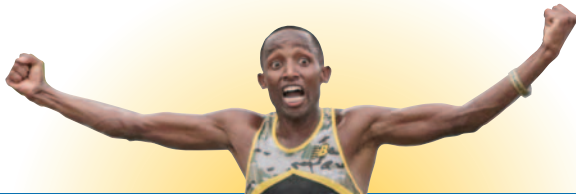


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Day care deficit

Shortage of services overseas straining military families

By BRIAN FERGUSON
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A lack of day care in the largest U.S. military community overseas is straining families and is impacting unit operations as some service members say they had to hire live-in help or have taken their children to work to make up for the shortfall.

Child development centers in the Kaiserslautern Military

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Staff Sgt. Symantha Schearer walks out of the Ramstein Child Development Center with her daughter Aura, 3, last month. Schearer said she was on a wait list for about a year before she got a spot at the center.

BRIAN FERGUSON/Stars and Stripes

Pompeo: Progress being made toward N. Korea giving up nukes

By MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that he and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made unspecified progress Sunday toward an agreement for the North to give up its nuclear weapons.

But there was no immediate indication whether Pompeo had managed to arrange a much-anticipated second summit between Kim and President Donald Trump.



Pompeo

Arriving in Seoul after several hours in Pyongyang on his fourth visit to North Korea, Pompeo tweeted that he had a "good trip" and that he and Kim "continue to make progress on agreements made at Singapore summit." Trump and Kim held a historic summit there in June that resulted in a vague agreement for the North to denuclearize.

The top U.S. diplomat offered no details, and upon landing in South Korea, he briefed White House na-

tional security adviser John Bolton and Trump chief of staff John Kelly on his trip, officials said.

Pompeo, on the third stop of a four-leg Asian tour that began in Japan and was to end in China on Monday, then met South Korean President Moon Jae-in. Moon, who has met twice with Kim, asked Pompeo to make public as much information as he could about the trip.

"I dearly hope that your latest visit, as well as the upcoming U.S.-North

Korea summit, which I hope will be happening soon, will make an irreversible, decisive progress in terms of the denuclearization as well as the peace process," Moon said. "Since we have the media present here, I would like to ask you to disclose anything that you can open to the public here."

Pompeo declined that opportunity. "I will certainly tell you in private about our conversation, but we had a good, productive conversation,"

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MILITARY

Study: Army should change how it picks enlisted leaders

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

The Army could lower attrition rates, save money and improve junior soldier performance if it was better at selecting its senior enlisted leaders, according to a new study.

A Rand Corp. analysis called "The Value of Experience in the Enlisted Force" found that the most effective senior noncommissioned officers aren't necessarily the ones who were promoted the fastest.

NCOs who made E-6 faster actually had more soldiers fail to complete their initial service contract than their counterparts who moved up the ranks slower, according to the data.

"As a result, although 'fast promoters' may be excellent soldiers, fast promotion does not imply that they are also excellent leaders," according to the study from Rand, a nonprofit research group often commissioned by the military.

The study examined how experience levels among NCO leaders influence their soldiers' performances and found both too little and too much experience among

leaders can have negative effects. "Junior soldiers have lower first-term attrition when their senior enlisted leaders possess key types of experience, but more experience is not always valuable," the Rand study found.

The sweet spot appeared to be somewhere in the middle when it comes to experience — NCOs with between 22 and 25 years of service had more soldiers that stayed in the Army and got promoted at higher rates, according to the study.

The relationship between NCOs and the performance of junior soldiers has generally been overlooked, partly due to the difficulty in tracking a force that undergoes frequent relocation, the study said. Rand researchers isolated cases and found certain types of leader experience — such as time in a unit, time in service and amount of time deployed — all factor heavily when it comes to developing junior troops.

Junior soldier attrition rates were lower when senior personnel had between 20 and 39 months of deployment experience, the study reported. But the soldier attrition rate is higher when the se-

nior leader has either less than 20 months or more than 39 months deployed.

"This suggests that it is only certain types of leadership experience that improve the performance of junior soldiers," Rand said. "Furthermore, additional experience is not always preferable."

Soldiers are also more likely to be involuntarily separated or otherwise fail to complete their initial service term when a leader is new to a unit, regardless of the leader's experience level, the study found. Rand data said about one-third of leaders have fewer than 15 months of experience in their current units, which "suggests that a leader's start-up period is expensive to the Army."

The Army should consider ways to maintain continuity, such as designing a more substantial overlap between leaders at times of transition and increasing time a leader spends in a unit, Rand said.

"Our results suggest that focusing on this issue also has the potential for cost savings," the study said.

When comparing two similar units with 100 junior soldiers, having a leader with the right experi-



MATTHEW J. MARCELLUS/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Soldiers with the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) take part in Saber Junction 18 in Hohenfels Training Area, Germany, last month. A new Rand Corp. study advises changes to the way the Army selects its senior enlisted leaders.

ence level would mean that two additional soldiers would complete their initial terms of service, Rand said.

"This suggests that the Army would need to recruit about one fewer soldier for each unit with a leader of typical experience than for one with a less experienced leader," the study said.

The costs of recruiting and training one soldier are about \$60,000, according to Rand.

Rand recommended the Army consider providing additional training and support for its least experienced senior enlisted personnel, maintain more continuity

during senior enlisted leaders' transitions between units and give greater weight to desired leadership traits in the promotion process.

"The Army desires effective leaders and mentors because they motivate their soldiers to perform better," the study said. "NCOs who do a better job at these tasks will be more likely to accomplish their mission and produce junior personnel who themselves go on to become strong leaders and mentors."

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New senior enlisted leader tapped for European Command

Stars and Stripes

Command Master Chief Sgt. Philip L. Easton was named Thursday as U.S. European Command's next senior enlisted leader,

the military announced Friday.

Easton currently serves as the command chief master sergeant at U.S. Air Forces in Europe-U.S. Air Forces Africa.

Easton will replace Fleet Command Master Chief Crispian D. Addington at EUCOM's headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany.

Addington's next assignment

and a date for the change of responsibility has not yet been announced. He has served in the EUCOM post since March 2016.

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Command Master Chief
Sgt. Philip L. Easton

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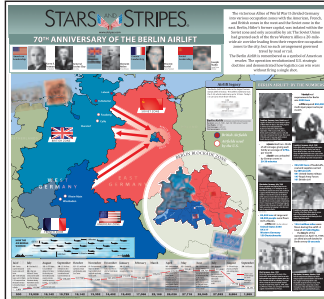
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MILITARY

Shortage: USAF, Army hold job fairs to hire child care workers

FROM FRONT PAGE

community of Germany are beyond capacity because they cannot hire enough child care workers, military officials say.

Meanwhile, public German day care centers are allowed to take Americans as a lower priority than Germans, but many choose not to do so.

The shortfall in the base community, which acts as a transportation hub for missions in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, is happening as more servicemembers and their families are moving to the area.

About 500 soldiers from a communications battalion in Bavaria will be transferred to Baumholder by next year, and Kaiserslautern will get 220 more soldiers, the military said, adding to 53,000 Americans living in the area.

"In preparation for our move coming here ... we put our three kids' names on the (day care) list," said a senior officer from U.S. Air Forces Europe and Africa.

Shortly after arriving, the officer, who asked not to be identified due to security reasons, said she and her husband, also in the Air Force, had to go on work-related trips at the same time.

"We had to farm our kids out to people that we sort of knew for two nights just to fill the gap," she said.

They eventually got a spot in the Miesau center for their youngest child. But it was about a year before they were offered before- and after-school care. In the meantime, they hired a nanny.

"When I had my youngest at home with a nanny, she couldn't leave to go pick up the kids because she couldn't get on base," the officer said. "I was leaving at 3 p.m. to pick my kids up at school. Sometimes they would have out in my office. I had a box full of toys and a place to do their homework."

Eventually — as is the case in many other families — the officer sponsored her mother to live with her in Germany to look after the children.

Pvt. Cheyenne Fierro, a supply clerk with the 39th Transportation Battalion, has been stationed in Germany since June 25.

"I have called around to find child care (for her 2-year-old daughter) and have been told by multiple people it is a year or longer wait."

Because Fierro's husband hasn't found a job, they're a lower military priority than a dual working couple.

"If my husband is seeking employment we move up on the list," Fierro said. "When he finally accepts the job we move up again. But why would he accept the job if we don't know for sure if our daughter will have a spot?"

Even when a day care offer is received, it can take up to two months before the space is available, according to the Air Force Child Development Center resource and referral office.

As of mid-September, there were 206 children in the Air Force center waiting on a list of 225 on the Army's list. Single servicemembers, dual military couples and dual working couples are the highest priorities.

Lack of caregivers

The problem stems from a lack of workers, not a lack of space in the facilities, said Melissa Wesley, head of child and youth services at Ramstein Air Base.

In 2017, child care facilities in the community were affected when President Donald Trump instituted an immediate, 90-day government hiring freeze Jan. 23.

By March, military officials said that centers could no longer offer hourly care



Screen shot from FSS website

The 86th Force Support Squadron is advertising for child care workers in the Kaiserslautern military community.

and no new spots could be filled.

Col. John Zapata, 86th Mission Support Group commander, is part of a working group of base officials trying to solve the community's child care woes. He is also a single dad with two boys.

"I've not only seen readiness issue with me and my ability to get to work, but with the stress that it places on an individual in the family," he said.

The 86th Force Support Squadron has had a very difficult time recruiting, hiring and retaining caregivers, Air Force officials said.

"We have tried to streamline the hiring process as much as we can ... but child care work is hard work," Wesley said. "You're doing eight hours where you are on. Your down time is your lunch, your break."

To compensate employees and new hires, Air Force officials have increased the pay for these jobs twice in the last year to \$12-\$14 an hour. However, employees at P.F. Chang's restaurant on Ramstein are paid about the same and don't require lengthy training.

Youth services also must hire from a transient workforce, as many potential employees are military dependents in Germany for only about three years.

"We can talk all day about how many people we've brought on," said Dave Driscoll, chief of nonappropriated fund human resources. "At the same time, we have people going right back out."

Off-base woes

The lack of off-base care in the local area adds to the problem.

In Germany, Americans are the last priority for local child care. Facilities are subsidized by local governments and their citizens pay taxes to support this service.

Since 2013, all German parents with a child 12 months or older have the right to



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Babies spend time outdoors on a warm fall day at the Vogeweh Child Development Center in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Officials say staffing shortages are the cause for a lack of on-base child care in the Kaiserslautern military community.

a day care center.

"When we got here we were interested in getting our youngest into German kindergarten," said the U.S. Air Forces Europe and Africa officer. "Our town doesn't take Americans (and) there's no way to pay into the system if you don't pay German taxes."

Children of servicemembers and civilians under the NATO status of forces agreement have no legal entitlement to German kindergarten. However, they can attend if the schools have the space and the desire.

Five German child care centers contacted in Kaiserslautern by Stars and Stripes said they were full. Three said they don't take Americans.

Zapata said the base wants to work with the city to try and find a solution.

In the Kaiserslautern area, the Army and Air Force operate seven child development centers on six military installations. Of those, the Kleber Kaserne CDC has been closed for at least 18 months due to construction. Staff shortages there are also playing a role, said an official who was not authorized to speak on the matter. However, Army garrison spokesman Ray Johnson said Friday that only construction, and not staffing, was the reason for the closure.

Ramstein Air Base has a second child development center building that is scheduled to open once it is staffed.

Working around the system

Family child care providers who work out of their homes can accept children just like a child development center, but the list is short and the process to become a provider can take months.

Some parents rely on the Facebook page "Ramstein babysitters," where Americans and residents of Germany advertise their services.

Friends and neighbors are an option. But regulations state that a provider not certified by the military can offer care for only 10 hours a week in their home. If the provider comes to the child's home, that rule does not apply, Wesley said.

Lauri D'Ercole, an Air Force civilian, hired an au pair after it came too costly to pay their neighbor 300 euros per week,

or about \$350, to watch three kids.

"We wound up getting a really good au pair," D'Ercole said. "At a minimum it's 260 euro a month for her, but we also cover her housing allowance, as she moved into our house. She has her own private bedroom, fully furnished with a lock on the door and private bath."

With three kids and two full-time jobs, the D'Ercole family pays their au pair more than the minimum.

"For some people the negatives would be having a stranger move into their house," D'Ercole said. "We felt confident enough because we video chatted with them to see if they were the right fit for our family and to let them talk with our kids to see how they did with them."

New hiring efforts

The Air Force and Army have instituted monthly job fairs to hire child and youth services employees.

In August and September, the Air Force had 47 applicants, and the Army had 75 for day care jobs, including those at the Kleber Child Development Center.

"With streamlining the process, in some cases, we have decreased the time to 13 days from initial tentative job offer to starting in the program," Wesley said. "Of course, we must have people actually apply to get to being able to interview and select."

The Army recently changed its process as well. Child care workers can start as a provisional hire after an FBI fingerprint check and receipt of self-disclosure statements that reveal no red flags.

The screening process should take six to eight business days, an Army official said. However, employees will still be required to complete a more comprehensive investigation during the provisional period. The Air Force is also looking at ways to partner with the community.

"The first step is to find the facilities and the caregivers that are willing and able, for them working to ensure that we have some insight into how they do things so that we can ensure that it meets all our standards and ensure the safety and security of the children," Zapata said. The second step is addressing the cost and looking for ways to make it "cost-neutral" to parents.

Ramstein officials will hold a town hall meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Ramstein Youth Center, Building 428. They will provide information and ask for ideas and comments from parents.

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PACIFIC



Familiar ring

Philipino villagers excited for return of church bells seized by US troops

By SETH ROBSON
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BALANGIGA, Philippines — Residents of a seaside village on the island of Samar are getting ready to celebrate the return of three church bells seized by U.S. troops as war trophies more than a century ago after their commanders were massacred by local “insurrectos.”

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said in August he’d seek to return the “Balangiga bells” held by the United States — two in Cheyenne, Wyo., and one at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea — to the Philippines. A Philippine government official said recently they would be handed back before Christmas.

In Balangiga, where the bells last rang in 1902, people will be happy when the bells come home, retired teacher and local historian Alicia Valdenor said late last month as she sat at the base of the tower where the bells will hang.

“It will serve as a reminder of how the first inhabitants of the place were faithful and dedicated Catholics,” she said.

U.S. troops took the bells during the Philippine-American war after a rebel ambush that killed 48 U.S. troops from the 9th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed “Manchus” for their role quelling the Boxer Rebellion in China.

Philippine nationalists viewed the war, which lasted from 1899 to 1902, as one of independence while the United States, which took the islands after the Spanish-American War, regarded it as an insurrection.

The bells were used “to signal the insurrectos, or rebels, who were under the command of Emilio Aguinaldo, to commence their surprise attack on the village of Balangiga and its garrison, Company C, Ninth Infantry Regiment,” according to a caption on a photograph at the 2nd Infantry Division Museum in South Korea.

The night before the attack, 300 insurrectos dressed as women entered the church with smuggled

weapons, the caption says.

“They remained in the church until the following morning, when by arrangement between certain village officials and the insurrectos, the bell was rung as a signal to start the attack. In the ensuing savage fight, more than one-half of the 74 men of Company C, under the command of Cpt. Thomas Connell, were killed, and only four of the remaining Manchus escaped without wounds. These Manchus fought fiercely and killed approximately 250 insurrectos by the time the battle was over and they were relieved by Company E, Ninth Infantry Regiment.”

Villagers presented the bell to the regiment when it left Balangiga on April 9, 1902, according to the photo caption.

The present-day people of Balangiga tell their own version of the story through a large monument beside the recently rebuilt church. The building and town were badly damaged by a super typhoon in 2013, sparking a large-scale relief effort by U.S. forces on Samar and the nearby island of Leyte supported by the USS George Washington aircraft carrier.

The monument, which lists the names of the insurrectos involved in the battle, includes a replica of the church tower and life-sized sculptures of the U.S. troops



PHOTOS BY SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

Above: Broken bells lie beside the rebuilt church at Balangiga, Philippines. Above left: A monument beside the church includes a replica of its bell tower and statues of U.S. troops being gunned down.

being gunned down at a breakfast table in a surprise attack.

Philippines researcher and author Bob Couttie has suggested the insurrectos were angry about a U.S. commander forcing local men to clean up the town after a typhoon.

But Valdenor tells a different version of the story based on a collection of notes on the incident compiled by her late father, who knew some of the insurrectos and spoke with them about the attack.

The fight broke out because they were angry and jealous about U.S. troops mingling with local women, she said.

“Communication was also a problem,” she added.

Road to Balangiga

Getting to Balangiga from the nearest large city of Tacloban on the neighboring island of Leyte involves crossing the 1.3-mile-long San Juanico Bridge, passing through several armed checkpoints and along an idyllic coastline bordered by lush jungle and fields grazed by water buffalo.

Out here you won’t find the American fast-food restaurants or air-conditioned malls popular in Manila and other large cities. People live in simple homes with corrugated iron or grass roofs and work on farms, fishing boats

or for the local government.

One thing the towns have in common with the cities are signs letting people know they’re in a “DRUGCLEASEDBARANGAY” — an area supposedly purged of amphetamine pushers as part of President Rodrigo Duterte’s drug war that has resulted in thousands of extra-judicial killings.

Duterte, who has sought closer ties with China and Russia despite opposition from his pro-America military, demanded the return of the bells in a speech last year reported by the Philippine Star newspaper.

“Those bells are reminders of the gallantry and heroism of our forebears who resisted the American colonizers and sacrificed their lives in the process,” he said.

“Give us back those Balangiga bells,” he added. “They are ours. They belong to the Philippines. They are part of our national heritage. Give them back. It’s painful for us.”

The church is the first thing people see as they arrive in Balangiga. It has an impressive bell tower, stained-glass windows, a collection of broken bells, more than its share of gaudily painted icons and an outdoor ossuary with recently unearthed bones that locals think might belong to U.S. soldiers.

Valdenor’s notes show the town was officially recognized as a Catholic parish on April 1, 1854.

“In 1863 the first church bell was made from people’s donations of pieces of gold and coins,” she said.

That bell, inscribed with the name of local priest R. San Francisco, is in Wyoming with another made in 1889 that honors Father Augustine Del Gado.

The bell in South Korea was made in 1875 and bears the emblem of the Franciscan order, according to Valdenor’s notes.

Mixed feelings

The idea of giving back the bells has an uneven reception by U.S. military veterans. In July, the Vet-

erans of Foreign Wars approved a national resolution in favor of returning them, but others have suggested that handing back battle trophies would set a precedent for countries to make similar demands for relics from other wars.

In Angeles City — near the former Clark Air Base on the island of Luzon — old soldiers have mixed feelings about the endeavor.

Jim Collins served with 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment in South Korea at Camp Graves from 1976 to 1977 and at Camp Liberty Bell from 1981 to 1983 and was proudly wearing a belt buckle featuring the unit’s “Manchu” emblem on a recent Saturday.

“If the U.S. government wants to return the bells and it makes peace with the Filipino people I’m all for it,” he said. “I hope it will resolve differences between us and we would become better friends.”

But it would be disappointing if the bells became part of an “anti-American shrine,” he added.

“The Filipinos have a ceremony down there every year where they are proud of the insurrectos. It might be perceived as an apology for past colonialism, and it could be a point of contention between us and them. It could be a tourist attraction for anti-American types,” he said.

However, Sanny Elacion, a local government administrator working on a renovation of the memorial to the insurrectos, said locals would be friendly to any Americans who came there to return the bells.

“They are helping Filipinos,” he said.

Valdenor said people in Balangiga are pro-American nowadays.

“After all, America protects the Philippines,” she said. “We will be very thankful to the American people if they return the bells.”

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Local official Sanny Elacion, left, and historian Alicia Valdenor, second from left, pose with construction workers near the church.

MILITARY

Report: Defense industrial base has security gaps

By WYATT OLSON
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America's defense industrial base is riddled with close to 300 security gaps or vulnerabilities that require immediate remedy, according to a report unveiled Friday at the White House.

President Donald Trump was scheduled to sign a series of measures Friday to kick off a broad action plan to mitigate vulnerabilities to the nation's defense industrial base, a senior administration official told reporters Thursday while speaking on background during a conference call.

The report was spearheaded by the Department of Defense and included input from the departments of Energy, Commerce, Homeland Security and others.

The report identifies five "macro forces" that contribute to the vulnerabilities, including a decline in U.S. manufacturing capacity, industrial policies of competing nations, government procurement practices that lead to "perverse outcomes," diminishing labor skills in the U.S. workforce and the effects of budget cuts and delays from seques-

tration, the official said.

The more than 300 subject matter experts involved in the study examined hierarchies of supply chains to identify vulnerabilities.

For example, with a weapons system such as the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, there might exist a seven-tier supply chain, the official said.

If a firm producing a critical F-35 component on, say, the fifth tier would not be able to accelerate production if the need arose, that entire weapons system would be exposed to a so-called "single-component failure," the official said.

The study also identifies a number of potential "single-point failures."

For example, the propeller shaft for some U.S. ships and submarines and large gun barrels for combat vehicles are produced by only one firm, the official said.

Supply-chain vulnerabilities exist in other essential materials, such as ceramics used in body armor and microelectronics; high-performance aluminum and steel used in ships and combat vehicles; and tungsten, rare-earth



JAMES FRANK/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Visitors stroll by a display at the Modern Day Marine Military Exposition at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., on Sept. 26. A report released Friday raises concerns about security gaps in the U.S. defense industrial base that produces military weapons and equipment.

metals and carbon fibers used in aircraft and missiles, the official said.

Dependency on foreign manufacturers has created vulnerabilities for the supply of rocket motors, machine tools, precision

gyroscopes and night-vision systems, among others.

The official said some funding has already started flowing to mend gaps.

A plant that produces gun components has received almost \$70

million in federal funding to modernize and launch a risk-mitigation program to keep the facility's production line secure, the official said.

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Navy offers sailors 24/7 help for pay, other issues

By CARLOS M. VAZQUEZ II
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Navy has started up an around-the-clock service aimed at solving human resources issues for sailors stationed worldwide.

Navy Personnel Command's MyNavy Career Center, which opened late last month at Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington, Tenn., is "designed for those who may be multiple time zones away on the other side of the globe," Rear Adm. Jeff Hughes, who leads NPC, recently told Stars and Stripes in an email.

"This returns time and energy to sailors to focus on the mission and their families."

The help — which in the past was offered only on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Central time — can be obtained via phone at 1-833-330-MNCC; email at askmncc@navy.mil; or at mynavy.mil.

Active-duty and reserve sailors, dependents and retirees are all eligible for the service, a Navy statement said. The 200 agents staffing MNCC should be able to handle most requests, but customers with complex cases will

be connected to subject matter experts.

The young service is already making a difference, according to Ann Stewart, the command's director of pay and personnel management. She said in an email that the number of people helped by Navy Personnel Command has doubled, and customer-satisfaction surveys have also been positive.

"We were able to provide support to sailors and their families who were impacted by the recent tropical storms in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans,"

she said. "Our agents supported Commander, Naval Installations Command regional commanders in conducting accountability musters, and provided information to those impacted about how to file an evacuation travel claim if they were eligible."

More changes are on the horizon, Stewart said. A mobile version of the MyNavy Portal will soon be available to remind sailors about human resources actions such as when they are eligible to apply for benefits.

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For 2nd time in 3 years, an NCTS commander is relieved

By JOSHUA KARSTEN
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For the second time in three years, a commander of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Sicily has been relieved of duty.

Cmdr. Jesus "Manny" Cordero had served as commander of the unit, based at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, since January. He was fired Sept. 27.

"An Inspector General com-

plaint resulted in the commander of U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. 10th Fleet, Vice Adm. Timothy "T.J." White, directing an investigation into the allegations," Lt. Cmdr. Ben Tisdale, the command spokesman, wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes.

"White relieved Cordero based on the results of the investigation, which brought into question Cordero's integrity and leadership."

Cordero's reassignment is pending, and his current job sta-



Cordero

declined to add any details as the investigation is ongoing.

tus was not reported. Cmdr. Kelvin McGhee has been appointed acting commanding officer.

Cyber Command leadership

Cmdr. Regina Cox was relieved of duty in late 2015 for "loss of confidence" from then-Cyber Command boss Vice Adm. Jan Tighe.

That case involved improper civilian hiring practices.

NCTS Sicily provides Europe, Africa and Central commands with computer and telecommunications support.

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A young man walks through rubble from war Saturday in the Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmouk in the Syrian capital, Damascus.

Cleanup underway in Syrian refugee area

By HASSAN AMMAR
Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — In the Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmouk on the edge of Syria's capital, bulldozers and trucks are clearing tons of rubble from streets gutted by war.

The built-up residential area once was home to 160,000 residents, both Palestinian refugees from the 1948 war around Israel's creation and middle-class Syrians. Today, it is a postapocalyptic vista of bombed-out buildings coated in gray dust.

Syrian rebels seized the district in 2012, and government forces responded with a crippling siege and nearly daily shelling, driving most residents out. Fighting broke out among different armed groups, and Islamic State militants seized control in 2015 before being driven out in a government

offensive earlier this year.

The neighborhood was established after 1948 to house thousands of Palestinians who fled or were driven out of what is now Israel. Some 5 million Palestinian refugees and their descendants are scattered across the Middle East.

On Saturday, Associated Press reporters saw bulldozers clearing away mounds of rubble beneath the jagged shells of hollowed-out apartment blocks. The streets are covered with piles of steel rebar, cinderblocks and burned-out cars.

Mahmoud Khaled, an engineer supervising the work, said clearing operations on the main roads began three weeks ago and will continue for another month before work begins on side streets. Only then can the government start to restore electricity, water



A man rides his bicycle past rubble Saturday at the refugee camp.

and other infrastructure. Khaled said about 50,000 cubic meters of rubble has been removed so far.

Syrian officials estimate the country will need up to \$400 billion to rebuild from the devastating civil war, which is still underway as insurgents control parts of northern Syria.

UN: Afghanistan casualties of IEDs at 'extreme levels'

By PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — The United Nations on Sunday called on militants in Afghanistan to stop using improvised explosive devices in civilian areas after it documented a sharp rise in civilian casualties caused by the explosives this year.

"The killing and maiming of Afghan civilians by improvised explosive devices, including suicide devices, has reached extreme levels in Afghanistan," the U.N. mission in the country, UNAMA, said in a report.

IEDs caused nearly half of all conflict-related civilian casualties from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, UNAMA said. It documented 1,065 civilian deaths and 2,569 civilians injured by all IED attacks during that time — a 21 percent increase compared with the same period last year. The number of civilian casualties caused specifically by suicide IED attacks increased by 46 percent during that time, according to the report.

UNAMA also expressed concern over a rise in deliberate attacks on civilians, mostly carried out by the Taliban and the local Islamic State affiliate.

Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, the mission recorded 2,354 civilian casualties, including 676 deaths, from 93 suicide and other IED attacks that deliberately targeted civilians, an increase of more than two-thirds in the number of civilian casualties and nearly double the number of attacks compared with the same period in 2017.

"Deliberately targeting civilians is a war crime and cannot be tolerated," said Tadamichi Yamamoto, the U.N. secretary-

general's special representative for Afghanistan.

"The unpredictable nature of these types of attacks has caused Afghans unbearable suffering and forced them to live in fear of the next explosion, severely curtailing their ability to carry out normal lives," Yamamoto added.

This year, victims of deliberate attacks have included students, sports fans and worshippers at mosques. The country's Shiite Hazara minority appear to have been targeted specifically.

"It wasn't like this in the past," Mira Ali, a Hazara business owner in Kabul, told Stars and Stripes.

Ali's 29-year-old nephew was killed last month when a suicide bomber attacked a gym in a Hazara neighborhood of the capital. "Now Daesh is directly targeting us, Afghans are getting killed like sheep here," Ali said, using an Arabic acronym for Islamic State. "No side cares about it — not the terrorists, not the government forces, not the foreign forces."

Civilian casualties are often seen as a metric for gauging success in the U.S.' longest war, which entered its 18th year on Sunday.

Other metrics causing concern are the amount of territory held by insurgents and casualties among Afghan forces. According to Pentagon and independent analyses, insurgents hold or contest more territory than at any time since the 2001 U.S. invasion. Last month, the Afghan defense minister announced that August was the deadliest month ever for Afghan forces, with more than 500 soldiers killed.

Zubair Babarkarkhal contributed to this report.



MASSOUD HOSSAINI/AP

Security forces run from the site of a suicide attack April 30 in Kabul, Afghanistan.

US envoy for Afghan peace in Kabul for talks

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad has arrived at the capital, Kabul.

An embassy statement confirmed Sunday that Khalilzad had arrived in Kabul as a part of a multi-stop visit to the region.

The State Department had an-

nounced earlier that Khalilzad's mission is to coordinate and lead U.S. efforts to bring the Taliban to the negotiating table and that he would lead an interagency delegation to Afghanistan, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia from Oct. 4 to Oct. 14.

The visit by Khalilzad, a former ambassador to Afghanistan, is his first to the country in his new role.

From The Associated Press

Afghan officials say highway reopened after assault by Taliban

By RAHIM FAIEZ
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban destroyed highway bridges southwest of Kabul during a wide-ranging assault on security forces, cutting off road traffic between the capital and three provinces, including a district police chief, were killed as the day Sunday, officials said.

Interior Ministry deputy spokesman Nasrat Rahimi said 14 police, including a district police chief, were killed as the insurgents tried but failed to capture the Sayed Abad district headquarters in the Maidan Wardak province. He said another seven

security force members were wounded.

The highway between Kabul and Kandahar has since been reopened, and "the route has returned to normal," he added.

The insurgents burned down part of the district police headquarters and destroyed a number of checkpoints around the district, said Hekmat Durani, the provincial police chief's spokesman. Durani said that about 20 Taliban fighters were killed or wounded during the battle in Sayed Abad.

The Taliban said they overran the district headquarters, but local officials denied the claim.

Rahimi said reinforcements have been sent to the area and that the district is under the control of security forces.

The destruction of the bridges had cut off the main highway from Kabul to the Ghazni, Zabul and Kandahar provinces. The battle also cut off electricity to four provinces: Maidan Wardak, Logar, Ghazni and Paktia.

The Taliban have seized a number of districts across the country in recent years and regularly attack security forces. The latest assault comes just two weeks before Afghanistan holds parliamentary elections.

NATION

US refugee policy leaves thousands stranded

By SUSANNAH GEORGE
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Death threats drove Hadi Mohammed out of Iraq and to a small apartment in Nebraska, where he and his two young sons managed to settle as refugees. But the danger hasn't been enough to allow his wife to join them.

Mohammed, who worked as a security guard for the U.S. military in Baghdad, says he was initially told his wife would be reunited with him and the boys within a month. The wait has now dragged on for more than a year as she goes through stricter screening imposed by the Trump administration.

Mohammed said it's been an agonizing wait, especially for his son, 9. "Every night, he cries about mom. I need mom," he said in halting English as he sat on a couch with the boy in their apartment in Lincoln, Neb.

Tens of thousands of people are experiencing similar anguished waits as the number of refugees entering the U.S. falls to historic lows because of tighter scrutiny that administration officials say is necessary for security. Critics say it amounts to an abandonment of the country's historic humanitarian role and discriminates against certain groups, particularly Muslims.

The U.S. admitted 22,491 refugees in the budget year that ended Sept. 30. That's one-quarter of the number allowed to enter two years ago and the lowest since Congress passed a law in 1980 creating the modern resettlement system.

It was less than half the maximum that the administration had said it would allow, even with millions of people seeking to escape war and famine around the world.

"It's unfortunate for the refugees who could have come this year and didn't," said Jen Smeyers with Church World Service, an organization that supports refugees and immigrants. "But these low numbers also show the U.S. turning away from a global leadership role on this issue."



Hadi Mohammed gestures as he sits with his son, Mohammed Ghaleb, 9, in their Lincoln, Neb., apartment last month.

NATI HARNIK/AP

Last month, the cap was set even lower, at 30,000, for the new budget year. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said at the time the U.S. remained

"the most generous nation in the world when it comes to protection-based immigration" but that the government needed to work through a backlog of pending asylum cases and support efforts to resettle people closer to home so they can eventually return.

Behind the reduction are more stringent security protocols for citizens of 11 countries designated by the administration as presenting the greatest potential

threat. People from four of them — Iraq, Iran, Syria and Somalia — made up 41 percent of refugees allowed into the U.S. in 2016 and

2017. Now, they make up just 2 percent as people such as Mohammed's wife, whose name he does not want to publicize out of fear

for her safety, face much lengthier background checks.

Mohammed, 52, provided security at American military bases in central Baghdad and just north of the Iraqi capital from 2008 to 2014. After a five-year wait, he received word that he had been approved to come to the U.S. as a refugee in June 2017 with his sons.

The family was told the wife would be approved soon. In correspondence from the State Department, his wife was told that her application was undergoing "additional administrative processing" but gave little other information. "Unfortunately, we cannot predict how long this administrative review will take," it said.

Another Iraqi, who worked as a translator for the U.S. military and now lives in Utah, said he has been waiting for two years to get his mother and brothers to join him.

"If my brother is killed ... I will spend the rest of my life blaming myself for putting my family in harm's way," said the man, 41, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he fears for his family's safety in Iraq.

The State Department acknowledges that the screening and vetting procedures have resulted in fewer refugee admissions in 2018.

'Every night, he cries about mom. I need mom.'

Hadi Mohammed
refugee from Iraq who is still separated from his wife

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Police: 20 killed in upstate NY crash involving a limo

Associated Press

SCHOHARIE, N.Y. — A crash involving a limousine at a popular upstate New York tourist spot killed 20 people, officials said Sunday.

A person with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press that 18 of the victims were in the limo and two were bystanders. The person was not authorized to discuss the preliminary information publicly and spoke Sunday on the condition of anonymity.

Local officials told The Times Union of Albany that a limo speeding down a hill hit bystanders Saturday afternoon at the Apple

Barrel Country Store in Schoharie, about 170 miles north of New York City. State police confirmed Sunday the death toll and said the crash involved two vehicles.

The store is a popular stop for tourists on fall foliage trips.

Customers in the parking lot were killed when they were hit by the limo coming down a hill on state Route 30 at "probably over 60 mph," the store manager, Jessica Kirby, told The New York Times. Witnesses described chaos, with a massive turnout of ambulances and other responders.

Authorities didn't release names of victims or other specifics.

NATION

Kavanaugh sworn in as 114th justice of Supreme Court

BY ALAN FRAM, LISA MASCARO AND MATTHEW DAILY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Brett Kavanaugh was sworn in as the 114th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court after a wrenching debate over sexual misconduct and judicial temperament that shattered the Senate, captivated the nation and ushered in an acrimonious new level of polarization now encroaching on the court that the judge, 53, may well swing rightward for decades to come.

Even as Kavanaugh took his oath of office Saturday evening in a quiet, private ceremony not long after the narrowest Senate confirmation in nearly a century and a half, protesters chanted outside the court building across the street from the Capitol.

The climactic 50-48 roll call capped a fight that seized the national conversation after claims emerged that he had sexually assaulted women three decades ago — allegations he emphatically denied. Those accusations transformed the clash from a routine struggle over judicial ideology into an angry jumble of questions about victims' rights, the presumption of innocence and personal attacks on nominees.

His confirmation provides a defining accomplishment for President Donald Trump and the Republican Party, which found a unifying force in the cause of putting a new conservative majority on the court. Before the sexual accusations grabbed the Senate's and the nation's attention, Democrats had argued that Kavanaugh's rulings and writings as an appeals court judge raised serious concerns about his views on abortion rights and a president's right to bat away legal probes.

'Left-wing mob'

Trump, flying to Kansas for a political rally, flashed a thumbs-up gesture when the tally was announced and praised Kavanaugh for being "able to withstand this horrible, horrible attack by the Democrats." He later telephoned his congratulations to the new justice, then at the rally returned to his own attack on the Democrats as "an angry left-wing mob."

Like Trump, senators at the Capitol predicted voters would react strongly by defeating the other party's candidate in next month's congressional elections.

"It's turned our base on fire," declared Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky. But Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, of New York, forecast gains for his party in "change, but not chaos" where change in America always

begins: the ballot box," he said.

The justices themselves made a quiet show of solidarity. Kavanaugh was sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts and the man he's replacing, retired Justice Anthony Kennedy, as fellow Justices Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan looked on — two conservatives and two liberals.

Still, Kagan noted the night before that Kennedy has been "a person who found the center" and "it's not so clear we'll have that" now.

Noisy to the end, the Senate battle featured a call of the roll that was interrupted several times by protesters shouting in the spectators' gallery before Capitol Police removed them. Vice President Mike Pence presided, his potential tie-breaking vote unnecessary.

Under a cloud

Trump has now put his stamp on the court with his second justice in as many years. Yet Kavanaugh is joining under a cloud. Accusations from several women remain under scrutiny, and House Democrats have pledged further investigation if they win the majority in November. Outside groups are culling an unusually long paper trail from his previous government and political work, with the National Archives and Records Administration expected to release a cache of millions of documents later this month.

Kavanaugh, a father of two, strenuously denied the allegations of Christine Blasey Ford, who says he sexually assaulted her when they were teens. An appellate court judge on the District of Columbia circuit for the past 12 years, he pushed for the Senate vote as hard as Republican leaders — not just to reach this capstone of his legal career but in fighting to clear his name.

After Ford's allegations, Democrats and their allies became engaged as seldom before, though there were obvious echoes of Thomas' combative confirmation over the sexual harassment accusations of Anita Hill, who worked for him at two federal agencies. Protesters began swarming Capitol Hill, creating a tense, confrontational atmosphere that put Capitol Police on edge.

As exhausted senators prepared for Saturday's vote, some were flanked by security guards. Hangers and worse have been delivered to their offices, a Roe v. Wade reference.

Some 164 people were arrested, most for demonstrating on the Capitol steps, 14 for disrupting the Senate's roll call vote.



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Retired Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, right, administers the Judicial Oath to Judge Brett Kavanaugh in the Justices' Conference Room of the Supreme Court Building. Ashley Kavanaugh holds the Bible. At left are their daughters, Margaret, background, and Liza.

Bitter battle illuminates high stakes for midterms

BY JULIE PACE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The bitter battle over Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court has exacerbated the nation's political divide and left many Americans emotionally raw. It's also given new definition to the high stakes of November's election.

Until now, the fight for control of Congress has largely been viewed as a referendum on President Donald Trump's first two years in office. But the turmoil surrounding Kavanaugh has transformed the midterms into something bigger than Trump, with implications that could endure long after his presidency.

The election is suddenly layered with charged cultural questions about the scarcity of women in political power, the handling of sexual assault allegations, and shifting power dynamics that have left some white men uneasy about their place in American life.

Both parties contend the new contours of the race will energize their supporters in the election's final stretch. Both may be right.

Republicans may benefit most in the short term. Until now, party leaders, Trump included, have struggled to rally GOP voters, even with a strong economy to campaign on. The president's middling job approval rating and independent voters' disdain for his constant personal attacks have been a liability for GOP candidates, particularly in the more moderate suburban districts that will determine control of the House.

But Republican operatives say internal polling now shows Kavanaugh's acrimonious confirmation has given the party a much-needed boost, with GOP voters viewing Democrats as overzealous partisans following the public testimony by Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford.

The Democrats' strategy to capitalize on the 'Me Too'



J. SCOTT APPELWHEIT/AP

Activist Jessica Campbell-Swanson, from Denver, stands on the Statue of Contemplation of Justice, on the Supreme Court steps, in protest of Kavanaugh's confirmation Saturday.

movement for the political purposes backfired on them," Republican strategist Alice Stewart said.

The surge in GOP enthusiasm could recalibrate a political landscape that was tilting toward Democrats throughout the summer. Though Democrats still maintain an advantage in competitive House races, the past two weeks appear to have shifted momentum in the fight for the Senate majority back to the GOP.

For example, in North Dakota, Republican Rep. Kevin Cramer has pulled comfortably ahead of Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, who voted "no" on Kavanaugh.

In Iowa debut, Booker says turn despair into action

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker urged Democrats disappointed by Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to turn their despair into action as he made his national debut in Iowa as a Democratic presidential prospect.

Racing from Saturday afternoon to Sunday morning in Washington, Booker breezed into the Iowa Democratic Party's top fall fundraiser to try to make a positive impression on roughly 1,000 party activists. He visited the early presidential testing grounds that have weakened his campaign for the 2020 Democratic nomination.

"I see the pain and the hurt, but I want to remind everyone here in this room tonight, full of fellowship, this room full of faith, that this is a time in our country when we need to stay faithful," Booker, 49, told the audience at a convention center in downtown Des Moines. All but one Democratic senator voted against Kavanaugh, who was confirmed 50-48.

Booker's appearance was not just a seminal moment for the former mayor of Newark. He is also the party's biggest name to make a foray into the first-in-the-nation caucus state, where so far less-known, would-be candidates have been working to get a head start.

The tall former Stanford University football player strode into the ballroom and straight to a table of several family members. His late grandmother, Adeline Jordan grew up in Des Moines, where Booker still has family.

Pivoting from anecdotes about his upbringing in New Jersey, Booker turned toward Democrats' disappointment not just with the Supreme Court confirmation but with a long list of Trump administration policies.

"I see a lot of folks caught up in a state of sedation and despair," he warned. "This is not a time to curl up. This is not a time to shut up. It is not a time to give up."

Booker's delivery toggled between soft and reflective and bellying like an evangelical minister. Several times, he brought the audience to their feet.

After the speech, Booker downplayed the potential boost to Democrats the disappointment over the Kavanaugh confirmation could provide in November's midterms, saying Democrats are in position to retake the House.

But that dismissal defied the message in his speech.

Booker urged Democrats, who also are poised in Iowa to make gains in statehouse and congressional races, to keep their frustration focused on activism.

"I ask you how long until we turn the tide of division and despair," Booker shouted over the applause. "I want you to know, not long. Because it's not long until November."

NATION



KEN LAMBERT, SEATTLE TIMES/TNS

ARMADA founder Evgeni Sokurenko opens a freezer set to minus 110 Fahrenheit where a bacteria "biobank" is kept in Seattle for research in the fight against antibiotic-resistant superbugs.

Doctors, scientists fight superbugs that could kill millions worldwide

By HANNAH RODRIGUEZ
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Catching an ear infection is uncomfortable enough, but imagine if the antibiotics a doctor prescribed didn't work.

It's a problem that at least 2 million people in the U.S. face every year when they catch infections that are resistant to antibiotics, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That makes the phenomenon known as antimicrobial resistance, or AMR, "one of the biggest public health challenges of our time," the agency said. AMR may cause 10 million deaths globally by 2050, based on rising drug resistance for six pathogens, according to a report commissioned by the British government in 2016.

Last month, a group of scientists and doctors in Seattle started a nonprofit organization to figure out a solution. The group, known as Antibiotic Resistance Monitoring, Analysis and Diagnostics Alliance, or ARMADA, said it wants to "get a grasp on the situ-

ation" by building a database that tracks and "fingerprints" bacterial strains.

"Right now, a patient comes to the doctor with an infection, and the doctor knows a lot about the patient but doesn't know anything about the bug," Dr. Evgeni Sokurenko, who founded ARMADA and teaches microbiology at the University of Washington, said in an interview last month at ARMADA's lab in Seattle. "How a patient will react to an infection will be tracked in their medical records, but nothing is being tracked about the bug even though the bug will repeat itself, and no one will know what it has done in other patients."

The project will collect information on how drug-resistant strains of bacteria, or so-called superbugs, react to a variety of antibiotics. By sharing the data with hospitals and microbiology labs, health practitioners would then be able to immediately identify the most effective drug for patients. ARMADA has already collected data for 30,000 strains, a number it seeks to grow tenfold

in two to three years.

Since antibiotics are produced from natural compounds, bacteria have been developing resistance for millions of years, Dr. Prish Tosh, who specializes in treating infectious diseases at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said in an interview last month. That includes resistance to undiscovered compounds, he said.

A so-called biobank such as the one ARMADA is building would be particularly useful for identifying what resistance has already been discovered in nature, he added.

Brianna Strand, a native of Poulso, Wash., died when she was just 28 of complications from an infection she contracted that didn't respond to antibiotics. In 2013, during routine treatments for her cystic fibrosis, Strand's doctors discovered a lung infection caused by a bacteria strain called *Mycobacterium abscessus*. The superbug is resistant to multiple drugs and is especially dangerous if contracted by individuals with weak immune systems like Strand.

Leaders: Mormons to spend less time at church Sundays

By BRADY MCCOMBS
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Mormons will start spending less time at church each Sunday — two hours instead of three — after a change announced Saturday aimed at making worship more manageable for members around the globe.

The switch, which takes effect in January, is a significant one for Mormons, who since 1980 have been expected to attend all three hours each Sunday to be considered active members of the faith. The news triggered widespread applause from members, with some posting celebratory memes on social media. It came during The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' twice-yearly conference, at which a leader also reaffirmed the faith's opposition to gay marriage and its belief that gender is God-given and eternal.

"The senior leaders of the church have been aware for many years that for some of our precious members, a three-hour Sunday schedule of church can be difficult," said Quentin L. Cook, a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, church leaders who help run the faith. "This is particularly true for parents with small children, primary children, elderly members, new converts and others."

The three-hour commitment is a hefty one compared with some other religions' Sunday services. Many Catholic, Lutheran and Methodist churches, for instance, offer weekly worship that lasts about an hour, along with voluntary classes and other gatherings throughout the week.

Church President Russell M. Nelson called the adjustment a new "home-centered church" strategy that comes as the faith expands throughout the world. More than half of its 16 million members live outside the U.S. and Canada.

"The long-standing objective of the church is to assist all members to increase their faith in our Lord

Jesus Christ and in his atonement," Nelson said. "In this complex world today, this is not easy. The adversary is increasing his attack on faith and on families at an exponential rate. To survive spiritually, we need counterstrategies and proactive plans."

Paulina Porras, a mother of 1-year-old twins, was ecstatic with the news. Her daughters aren't old enough to go to children's programs alone, so she and her husband have to care for them during Sunday church time.

"Staying three hours is impossible," said Porras, 29, of Logan, Utah. "Two hours we can do."

Instead of attending two meetings each Sunday beyond the one-hour worship — such as Sunday school and men's and women's groups — members will attend one each

'Staying three hours is impossible. Two hours we can do.'
Paulina Porras
Mormon mother of young twins

Sunday, with the meetings rotating throughout the month, Cook said.

Marc Fish, an insurance company owner from Las Vegas, also lauded the change. Three hours each Sunday can be intimidating for potential converts and wayward members, and the change gives families the flexibility to weave in gospel activities at home.

Fish, 38, has seven children ranging in age from 7 to 25 who are busy with piano, volleyball and homework, he said. He plans to have more one-on-one talks with them.

"Schedules are crazy for a lot of families," Fish said. "Sometimes, you hear in the church we're caught up with checklists, the pressure and the stress of just meeting everything."

August report shows third straight increase in US trade deficit

By PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Record imports drove the U.S. trade deficit up for the third straight month in August. The deficit in the trade of goods with China and Mexico hit records.

The Commerce Department said Friday that the trade gap — the difference between what America sells and what it buys abroad — rose to \$53.2 billion in August from \$50 billion in July. The August reading was the highest since February.

Imports rose 0.6 percent to a record

\$262.7 billion on higher shipments of cell-phones and autos; exports slid 0.8 percent to \$209.4 billion.

The U.S. ran a \$76.7 billion deficit in the trade of goods such as machinery and cars. That gap was partially offset by a \$23.5 billion surplus in the trade of services such as banking and tourism.

President Donald Trump campaigned on a pledge to bring down U.S. trade deficits and has slapped taxes on imported steel and aluminum and on many Chinese products, drawing retaliatory tariffs from U.S. trading partners.

Trump's sanctions have yet to have an impact on the deficit, which is up 8.6 percent this year to \$391.1 billion. The goods deficit with China rose 4.7 percent in August to a record \$38.6 billion, and the gap with Mexico widened 56.9 percent to \$8.7 billion, also a record.

Trump sees the lopsided trade numbers as a sign of U.S. economic weakness and as the result of bad trade deals and abusive practices by U.S. trading partners, especially China.

In addition to imposing import taxes, he has pulled out of an Asia-Pacific trade deal negotiated by the Obama administration and forced a rewriting of the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico.

Mainstream economists view trade deficits as the result of an economic reality unlikely to bend to changes in trade policy: Americans spend more than they produce, and imports fill the gap. The strong U.S. economy also encourages Americans to buy more foreign products.

U.S. exports are also hurt by the American dollar's role as the world's currency. The dollar is usually in high demand because it is used in so many global transactions. That means the dollar is persistently strong, raising prices of U.S. products and putting American companies at a disadvantage in foreign markets.

NATION

#MeToo sends Hollywood figures into exile, not jail

Despite some high-profile cases, a lack of charges could remain norm

By ANDREW DALTON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The #MeToo movement has sent dozens of once-powerful Hollywood players into exile, but few of them have been placed into handcuffs or jail cells. And it's increasingly apparent that the lack of criminal charges may remain the norm. Harvey Weinstein has been charged with sexual assault in New York, and Bill Cosby was sent to prison in Pennsylvania in the year since stories on Weinstein in The New York Times and The New Yorker set off waves of revelations of sexual misconduct in Hollywood. But those two central figures are exceptions.

A task force launched last November by Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey to handle the surge in allegations against entertainment figures has taken up criminal cases involving nearly two dozen entertainment-industry figures. None has been charged.

The lack of prosecutions stems from a clash between the #MeToo ethos, which encourages victims to come forward years or even decades after abuse and harassment that they've kept private, and a legal system that demands fast reporting of crimes and hard evidence.

The task force has considered charges against 22 suspects, including Weinstein, Kevin Spacey, director James Toback and former CBS CEO Leslie Moonves, all of whom have denied engaging in any sex that was not consensual.

Charges already have been rejected for most. Cases involving six suspects, including Weinstein and Spacey, both of whom have multiple accusers, remain open.

In 14 of the closed cases, charges were declined because the allegations were reported too late and thus outside the statute of limitations. The rest were turned down either for insufficient evidence or because the accusers refused to cooperate with investigators after initially reporting the incidents.

While disappointed in the lack of results, several accusers said they were still glad they talked to police and prosecutors for a variety of reasons, both practical and emotional.

"For me, it was not necessarily closure, but one of the healthiest things I've ever done for myself," said Melissa Schuman, whose case dating to 2003 against Nick Carter, of the Backstreet Boys,

was rejected over the statute of limitations. "It felt therapeutic to tell the authorities, to be able to take it out of my body and out of my mind and report it."

Fatima Goss Graves, president of the National Women's Law Center, which oversees the Time's Up legal defense fund, said for some "the act of reporting, putting it on the record, is critical, even if they're beyond the limitations."

When law enforcement agencies welcome women to report their experiences, it eventually can result in more prosecutions, she said.

"If you've created a climate and space that is friendly to people coming forward, more people will come forward" Goss Graves said.

Schuman said she found just such a climate. She was treated well by task force investigators and the police in what could have been a much tougher process.

"I really felt supported, and listened to, and cared-for and believed," Schuman said.

Carter has denied the allegations from the start. He said through his lawyer when charges were declined that he felt confident there would be no basis for charges and was happy to put the matter behind him.

A representative did not respond to a request Friday for further comment.

There can be more tangible benefits to reporting. In California, simply filing a police report entitles victims to benefits that can include free psychotherapy. The reports also create additional claims that can help in newer investigations or can be brought into court to show a pattern of conduct, as they were for Cosby's trial.

"It just gives me peace to have it documented and filed," Schuman said, "and if my abuser does it again, the authorities told me they could use me to help corroborate."

The sexual assault case that sent Cosby to prison was from 2004 and long predated the #MeToo movement. It was filed just as the statute of limitations was expiring.

California requires that charg-



Former movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, center, who has been charged with sexual assault, is escorted in handcuffs to a courtroom in New York on July 9.



Bill Cosby is escorted out of the Montgomery County Correctional Facility in Eagleville, Pa., on Sept. 25 following his sentencing to prison for sexual assault.

es be brought within a year for many sexual crimes and within 10 years for many of the most serious crimes, including rape and felony sexual assault.

The task force has been looking at allegations of incidents that are sometimes decades old. One rejected case against Spacey dates to 1992. The allegations against Moonves date to the late 1980s. One case for Toback dates to 1978.

In documents released by the task force explaining why charges were not brought, some officials simply declare the effort pointless and say little else. In other cases, prosecutors provide long and sometimes detailed descriptions of acts and the laws

they may have violated, only to reluctantly conclude that too much time has passed.

Page after page of the documents end with the same phrase, "prosecution is declined."

Aside from confirming which cases it is considering and has declined, the district attorney's office declined comment for this story.

California already has altered its laws to help victims, eliminat-

ing the statute of limitations for rape and other forms of felony sex abuse.

But courts have ruled that statutes of limitations cannot be altered to include suspects who are already past them, so the new laws apply only to crimes from

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2017 onward, meaning the practical effects likely won't be felt for years.

Many of the old cases taken under consideration probably never would have reached prosecutors before the Weinstein story broke and cultural attitudes began to change.

Even beyond the time-limit problem, "It would be next to impossible for an investigative agency to find witnesses to corroborate and gather evidence," said Alan Jackson, a former prosecutor in the district attorney's office who ran against Lacey in 2012 and now works as a defense attorney.

Many accusers whose cases were considered by the task force have filed civil lawsuits that may have more staying power.

Goss Graves said it's desirable to leave open as many options as possible.

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U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, right, talks with U.S. Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, upon his arrival at Osan Air Base in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, on Sunday after his North Korea trip.

Progress: Kim wants 2nd summit 'as soon as possible'

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Pompeo said. "As President Trump said, there are many steps along the way and we took one of them today. It was another step forward. So this is, I think, a good outcome for all of us."

Moon's office said in a statement later that Pompeo told Moon that the North Korean leader had agreed that a second summit with Trump "should be held as soon as possible" and that talks on the timing and location would continue.

In Pyongyang, Pompeo and Kim met for about 3½ hours, first in a business session and then in a 90-minute luncheon that the North Korean leader hosted at a state guesthouse, according to the pool report from the lone U.S. journalist allowed to accompany Pompeo on his Asia trip.

"It's a very nice day that promises a good future for both countries," Kim told Pompeo through an interpreter as they sat down for the meal.

"Yeah, so we had a great, great visit this morning," Pompeo replied. "Thank you for hosting. President Trump sends his regards. And we had a very successful morning, so thank you, and I am looking forward to our time here at lunch as well."

On the North Korean side, Kim was joined at the lunch by his sister, Kim Yo Jong, and his former intelligence chief Kim Yong Chol, who has been Pompeo's chief interlocutor.

Aside from Pompeo, the U.S. side included Stephen Biegun, the new U.S. special envoy for North Korea, and Andrew Kim, who heads a Korea working group at the CIA that Pompeo set up while he was running the agency.

Pompeo and Kim had exchanged pleasantries and appeared chummy while they walked into the banquet room to sit down to see Pompeo and Kim as they shook hands. Pompeo placed his hand on Kim's shoulder, and they both smiled.

"So is everything OK?" Kim asked Pompeo.

"Everything is great," Pompeo replied. "Everything is great. I am very much looking forward to our time together, too."

Other members of the two delegations ate their five-course meal, which included delicacies such as foie gras, conch soup, steak, grilled pine mushrooms and chocolate cake, sweet red wine and soju in a separate room.

Pompeo had planned to meet with Kim on Sunday's trip, but North Korean officials said Kim's participation in the luncheon had not been expected. Pompeo had not met with Kim on his last visit, and Trump had abruptly canceled Pompeo's plans to travel to North Korea last month, citing a lack of progress in the negotiations.

Pompeo earlier held talks in Tokyo with Japan's prime minister and pledged that the Trump administration would coordinate and unify its strategy for denuclearization with its allies. Japan has been wary of the initiative, but South Korea has embraced it.

Pompeo has repeatedly refused to discuss details of negotiations, including a U.S. position on North Korea's demand for a declared end to the Korean War and a proposal from Seoul for such a declaration to be accompanied by a shutdown of the North's main known nuclear facility.

The U.S. and Japan have pushed for the North to compile and turn over a detailed list of its nuclear sites to be dismantled as a next step in the process. The North has rejected that.

Since the denuclearization effort got underway with a secret visit to North by then-CIA chief Pompeo in April, there has been only limited progress, even since the June 12 Trump-Kim summit that many had hoped would jump-start the effort.

North Korea so far has suspended nuclear and missile tests, freed three American prisoners and dismantled parts of a missile engine facility and tunnel entrances at a nuclear test site. It has not taken any steps to halt nuclear weapons or missile development.

The North has accused Washington of making "unilateral and gangsterlike" demands on denuclearization and has insisted that sanctions should be lifted before any progress in nuclear talks. U.S. officials have thus far said the penalties will remain in place until the North's denuclearization is fully verified.

Top Vatican cardinal responds to Francis cover-up allegations

By CHICO HARLAN
The Washington Post

ROME — In a combative letter, a highly placed cardinal on Sunday mounted the Vatican's first direct response to accusations that Pope Francis knew about and covered up the alleged sexual misconduct of a U.S. prelate, describing those claims as a "political fabrication devoid of a real foundation."

The letter, written by Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet, came six weeks after a former Vatican ambassador to the United States wrote a bombshell letter of his own, charging that much of the Vatican hierarchy, including Francis, had for years protected recently resigned cardinal Theodore McCarrick.

Ouellet's letter is significant because it ends a period of overwhelming silence among the key Vatican officials with the standing to rebut or back up the claims of that former ambassador, Carlo Maria Viganò. That silence has tested the patience of many Catholics, who remain divided over Viganò's credibility but say his claims have further wounded a church that is contending with multiple abuse-related crises.

Ouellet, the head of the Vatican's power-

ful bishops office, said it was "unbelievable and unlikely from every point of view" to accuse Francis of "having covered up with full knowledge of this alleged sexual predator." Ouellet, who portrayed Viganò as bitter and disillusioned with his career within the Holy See, said he was in an "open and scandalous rebellion," and Ouellet accused him of exploiting the broader clergy sex-abuse scandal in the U.S. as a way to land "an undeserved and unheard-of blow" on the pope.

Pushing back against Viganò, Ouellet said the Vatican had attempted years ago to place some restrictions on McCarrick — an acknowledgment that matches somewhat, but not completely, with Viganò's version of events.

As Viganò describes it, the Vatican had ignored reports about McCarrick for years — until "2009 or 2010," when Pope Benedict XVI placed sanctions on the cardinal, forbidding him to travel, appear publicly or hold Mass. Viganò says he then told Francis in 2013, not long after he became pope, that McCarrick was a "serial predator."

Francis nonetheless reportedly ignored those sanctions and made McCarrick a trusted adviser.

Wife says Interpol officer husband sent knife image as danger signal

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

LYON, France — The wife of the missing president of Interpol says her husband sent her an image of a knife before he disappeared during a trip to their native China.

Making her first public comments on the mystery surrounding Meng Hongwei's whereabouts, Grace Meng told reporters in Lyon, France, on Sunday she thinks the knife was her husband's way of trying to tell her he was in danger.

She said she has had no further contact with him since the message that was sent on Sept. 25. She said four minutes before Meng shared the image, he had sent a message saying, "Wait for my call."

She said she hasn't heard from him since and does not know what happened to him.

Meng's wife said he had traveled back to China for work after a visit to the Nordics.

"His job is very busy," she said. "We connected every day."

Meng is a senior Chinese security official as well as president of the International Criminal Police Organization. The Lyon-based international police agency said Saturday it has opened law enforcement channels to inquire with China about Meng's status.

Grace Meng wouldn't speculate Sunday on what might have happened to him. Asked if she believed that he has been arrested, she said: "In China, what happened, I'm not sure."

She read a statement during her press conference in Lyon but would not allow reporters to show her face, saying she feared for her own safety and the safety of her two children.

Turkey concludes Saudi journalist killed by 'murder' team, sources say

By KAREEM FAHIM
The Washington Post

ISTANBUL — Turkey has concluded that Jamal Khashoggi, a prominent journalist from Saudi Arabia, was killed in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul last week by a Saudi team sent "specifically for the murder," two people with knowledge of the probe said Saturday.

Turkish investigators believe a 15-member team "came from Saudi Arabia. It was a preplanned murder," said one of the people. Both spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing investigation.

They offered no specific evidence to back up the account. Earlier Saturday, however, Turkey's Anadolu news agency said the Istanbul public prosecutor's office had opened a probe into Khashoggi's disappearance. Turkish authorities have said Khashoggi never left the consulate.

Saudi Arabia has vehemently denied that Khashoggi, who contributed to The Wash-

ington Post's Global Opinions section, was detained after he entered the mission.

In an interview with Bloomberg last week, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said Khashoggi had left the consulate shortly after he arrived Tuesday. Saudi officials have yet to provide any evidence for that assertion.

The Saudi consul-general in Istanbul allowed reporters from the Reuters news agency to tour the consulate Saturday to show that Khashoggi was not inside.

"I would like to confirm that ... Jamal is not at the consulate nor in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the consulate and the embassy are working to search for him," the consul-general, Mohammed al-Otaibi, was quoted as saying.

The United States is aware of the Post report but cannot confirm it and does not know where Khashoggi is, a senior U.S. official said Saturday, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

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WORLD

Melania Trump shows playful side in Africa tour

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

CAIRO — It took Melania Trump's first big solo international trip for her to show a different side of herself — a playful, less serious one.

While she generously dished out warm smiles and happy waves, the first lady also used her four-nation tour of Africa to draw some firmer boundaries between her own views and those of her husband, President Donald Trump.

"I don't always agree with what he says and I tell him that," the first lady told reporters Saturday against the backdrop of the Great Sphinx before she headed back to Washington. "But I have my own voice and my own opinions and it's very important for me that I express what I feel."

The first lady hoppedscotched across Africa without her husband, commanding a spotlight that was hers alone. In doing her own thing, the very private first lady essentially peeled back the curtain ever so slightly as she wiped away the serious face she wears

around Washington.

She demonstrated her independence from her husband in ways large and small — like taking up U.S. foreign aid that he's tried to slash and ignoring the Fox-only edict that the president imposes on TV screens when he's aboard Air Force One.

The first lady also did a few things she's never done before, like wave to journalists as she boarded a U.S. government aircraft for the grueling, five-day tour across multiple time zones. With a big smile — sometimes paired with the unfamiliar sound of her laughter — she cuddled babies and bottle-fed young elephants.

And she shayed and shimmied and danced.

The trip, which had been in the works for months, provided a welcome escape from the ugly political battle in the U.S. capital over Brett Kavanaugh, the president's Supreme Court nominee. Kavanaugh's fate had seemed in doubt after he was accused of sexually assaulting Christine Blasey Ford when they were teenagers.

Kavanaugh has denied the charge and

on Saturday was confirmed to a lifetime appointment on America's highest court.

Even half a world away, Trump couldn't completely ignore the issue. Reporters asked her opinion about the judge, and she said he was "highly qualified" to join the court. As for Ford, Mrs. Trump declined to venture an opinion but said, "We need to help all victims, no matter what kind of abuse" they experienced.

The struggle over Kavanaugh resurfaced the rolling debate over the treatment of women who allege sexual misconduct. The first lady has had to grapple with that issue herself, given the multiple women who have accused her husband of sexually inappropriate behavior, claims he has said are false.

Always under a microscope, the fashion-conscious first lady caught some criticism for the white pith helmet she wore with her safari ensemble in Kenya. Social media lit up with complaints about her choice of a hat viewed by some as a symbol of Kenya's colonial past and its onetime domination by the British.

The former model had a terse rejoinder when asked about that: "I wish people would focus on what I do, not what I wear."

What, then, was her intended message for Africa? "That we care and we want to show the world we care."

It was a message that was especially welcome given her husband's own derogatory comments about a continent that he has yet to visit.

The happier place Melania Trump seemed to go to while in Africa surprised some.

"She's still largely a mystery to the American people because she maintains her largely low profile," said Katherine Jellison, who studies first ladies at Ohio University.

Joshua Meserye, a senior Africa policy analyst at the conservative Heritage Institute, said there were modest expectations for the first lady's trip, and she largely met them, avoiding any major gaffes along the way.

"As a public diplomacy tour, it seemed successful," he said.



HENRI ALIMASI, CONGO MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH/AP

The aftermath of a collision between a truck and a tanker truck is seen Saturday in Mbuha, Congo.

At least 50 dead, 100 burned in Congo after collision causes tanker truck fire

By SALEH MWANAMILONGO
Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo — At least 50 people were killed and more than 100 were burned badly when a tanker truck in Congo collided with another truck and, as villagers rushed to collect the leaking fuel, burst into flames, witnesses and officials said Saturday.

Faced with one of the country's deadliest traffic accidents, President Joseph Kabila ordered three days of national mourning "in this particularly painful moment for the Congolese people."

The accident occurred overnight in the village of Mbuha, not far from Kisantu city and about 124 miles southwest of the capital, Kinshasa. The city is on the main highway between the capital and the country's Matadi seaport.

The fire spread quickly to

nearby homes, Congo's health ministry said in a statement. An investigation was under way into the cause of the accident.

A photo tweeted by the ministry showed the blackened tanker, its front bumper torn aside and its windshield missing.

"The driver of the tanker truck has disappeared while the driver of the tractor trailer died at the scene," the ministry said. Twenty charred bodies had been recovered, and four other people died after arriving at a hospital.

"The toll continues to evolve," the statement said.

The interim government of Kongo-Central province, Atu Matubua, who shared the toll of at least 50 dead, said officials were identifying the bodies in preparation for burial.

Photos posted online by a local

journalist showed some of the injured, their skin raw from burns, piled into the back of a pickup and squeezed between people on a motorbike as they sought aid.

"See under what conditions they are transported," the activist group LUCHA, which in English is known as Fight for Change, said of the photo in a Twitter post.

As the country's health and transport ministers arrived, ambulances and mobile clinics rushed to the scene.

The U.N. peacekeeping mission in Congo said it had offered assistance for the injured, with nine ambulances en route to help with medical evacuations.

Congo's military was sending others, the health ministry said. Already 20 of the injured had been evacuated to the capital, it added.

Divided Bosnians vote in election that tests bid to align with West

By JOVANA GEC
Associated Press

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnians were voting Sunday in a general election that could install a pro-Russia nationalist to a top post and could cement the ethnic divisions of a country that faced a brutal war 25 years ago.

The ballot is seen as a test of whether Bosnia will move toward integration in the European Union and NATO or remain entrenched in rivalries stemming from the 1992-95 war.

Some 3.3 million people were eligible to vote for an array of institutions in Bosnia's complex governing system, which was created by a peace accord that ended the war that killed 100,000 people and left millions homeless.

The country consists of two regional mini-states — one Serb-run and a Muslim-Croat entity — with joint institutions in a central government. Voters are casting ballots for the three-person Bosnian presidency, the Serb president, and the two entities' parliaments and cantonal authorities.

German police end neo-Nazi concert

BERLIN — German police ended a four-night concert soon after eight officers were slightly injured by neo-Nazis who threw bottles and rocks at them.

The German news agency dpa reported Sunday that some 800 neo-Nazis attended the concert late Saturday in the eastern German town of Apolda while about 500 people came for a counter-demonstration, holding vigils

The campaign was marred by divisive rhetoric and allegations of irregularities that fueled tensions.

In a show of widespread popular discontent with Bosnia's politicians, thousands rallied at anti-corruption protests Friday in Sarajevo and in the main Serb city of Banja Luka.

Bosnia's Serbs and Croats want to move closer to their ethnic kin in neighboring Serbia and Croatia, while the Muslims want to keep Bosnia together. The issue was at the core of the 1990s war.

The main focus is on the race for Bosnia's three-member presidency because of the candidacy of hard-line Serb leader Milorad Dodik, who advocates eventual Serb separation from Bosnia. Dodik is a key Balkan ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin, and his victory would mean stronger Russian influence.

Dodik is shifting to the race for the Bosnian presidency because of term limits for his current job leading the Bosnian Serb regional mini-state. His ruling coalition hopes to maintain a firm grip on power in the Serb region.

and attending a late-night church service.

Police officers had to use pepper spray and batons when some neo-Nazis tried to break through police barriers.

The eastern state of Thuringia has long been a center for neo-Nazi concerts. Efforts to ban the concert didn't succeed because the concert's organizers simply moved to another venue after they were blocked from using their initial site.

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OPINION

S. Korean lawmakers push for GIs to stay

By ADAM TAYLOR

The Washington Post

Ongoing talks with North Korea have raised the possibility of a future with far less tension on the Korean Peninsula — even, possibly, a declaration of the end of the Korean War.

But that should not change the longstanding military relationship that cements the U.S.-South Korea relationship, a delegation of South Korean officials who visited Washington this month argued.

"Even after reunification of the Korean Peninsula takes place I believe there will be a need for the continued presence of U.S. forces in Korea, because we have to concern ourselves with Russia and China," said Hoon Sul, a representative in South Korea's National Assembly.

Hoon was part of a six-person delegation led by Choo Mi-ae, former leader of the governing Democratic Party and a key ally of South Korean President Moon Jae-in.

In a group interview Wednesday, Choo said the lawmakers had come to Washington in a bid to explain Seoul's position to their counterparts in Congress.

"The Korean Peninsula and the U.S. continent are physically quite far apart, and, as such, there are times when we are not sure what the other are doing," Choo said. "The choices that are facing us are quite critical in order for us to have a permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula."

The visit came just days before Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was to return to Pyongyang to try to restart denuclearization talks with North Korea.

One key topic of discussion during Pompeo's trip was to be whether the United States will agree to a declaration that the Korean War is officially over. Pompeo did not comment publicly on that demand. During a recent interview with The Washington Post, South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha said that such a declaration could be made in return for North Korea permanently dismantling its

'If it weren't for the Americans, I think we might be under communist rule now.'

Hoon Sul

a representative in South Korea's National Assembly

nuclear facilities in Yongbyon.

"I think that's a huge step forward for denuclearization," Kang said.

Speaking on Wednesday, Choo summed up the South Korean policy as "no war, no nukes and no gay" — the last part referring to no gap in expectations between South Korea and the United States. She said that the U.S. lawmakers she had met had expressed skepticism that North Korea is sincere about its willingness to give up nuclear weapons.

"We had to create a situation where they have to follow through. That's what we have to do, that's what politics is: We have to make the impossible possible," Choo said, adding that one possibility might be that legislators from both South Korea and the United States could head to North Korea to observe the destruction of Yongbyon and other facilities.

An end-of-the-war declaration was a logical step, she said, as President Donald Trump had agreed to end hostilities with North Korea when meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore on June 12. "What does it mean when someone says I will end hostilities with you?" she said. "That means the end of war."

The Korean War halted with a truce in 1953, but a formal peace treaty was never signed. North Korea has demanded a peace treaty in a number of recent propaganda missives; the U.S. president has suggested at points that he considers the end of the war a possibility.

However, many in Washington — both

inside and outside the administration — are skeptical about such a move. One particular concern is that an end-of-war declaration (and beyond that, a subsequent peace treaty) could be used by North Korea and China to demand the removal of the 28,500 U.S. forces stationed in South Korea.

Recent polls of the American public have found strong support for keeping at least some of these troops in South Korea — even if North Korea denuclearizes. But the situation is complicated by Trump's own criticism of the U.S. military presence in South Korea. Trump has said that he would be willing to withdraw troops from the Korean Peninsula if Seoul did not pay more for their upkeep.

U.S. military bases are also controversial within South Korea, with many on the left, including supporters of Moon, pondering the withdrawal of troops. In April, Blue House foreign policy adviser Moon Chung-in wrote it would be difficult to justify (U.S. troops) continuing to exist in South Korea "if a peace treaty were signed."

Following the collapse of the previous right-wing Park Geun-hye administration under the weight of numerous scandals, South Korea's conservative politicians

typically the most pro-American force in the country — are in crisis, with little influence in politics at the national level.

Choo said that despite this, it was the position of Moon and his liberal predecessor, Kim Dae-jung, that U.S. troops should remain on the peninsula.

"As long as the U.S. remains the keeper of global peace, we want to have U.S. forces in South Korea," she said.

"If you were to look at Korean history, because we are a peninsula country, we are surrounded by some very strong powers. To us, the U.S. has been — for the most part — our friend," Hoon said, adding that U.S. influence had saved the life of Kim Dae-jung, a presidential candidate. "If it weren't for the Americans, I think we might be under communist rule now."

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The super rich really do avoid a lot of taxes

By MATT O'BRIEN

The Washington Post

As bad as you might think inequality is, the reality is it's even worse for a very simple reason: Taxes really are only for the little people.

By which I mean anyone who doesn't have a net worth solid in the nine figures.

None of this is exactly news, but, as The New York Times' blockbuster report on how President Donald Trump managed to inherit \$413 million in inflation-adjusted dollars without paying much in the way of gift or estate taxes shows us, it's important to remember that the super rich tend to be even more super and rich than the tax returns that economists use to estimate inequality say they are. That isn't to say that the uber wealthy are all bending the law to the point of potentially breaking it, like the Trumps are alleged to have done — disguising gifts as "loans," inflating invoices to make the gifts look like business income and assessing properties at wildly different values, sometimes within weeks of each other, to minimize their tax bill — but rather that there are plenty of other more and less legitimate ways for well-heeled individuals and companies to shield their money from Uncle Sam.

Like using tax havens.

Now, on the legal end of the spectrum, there's the way that companies shift their

profits to show up in low-tax jurisdictions such as Switzerland or the Cayman Islands. That, according to Berkeley economist Gabriel Zucman and his co-researchers, covers as much as 40 percent of all multinational profits and 50 percent of U.S. ones. To put that in perspective, U.S. companies report more profits in Ireland, the top tax-avoidance destination in the world, than they do in China, Japan, Germany, France and Mexico combined. All of this can be inferred from the fact that foreign firms tend to report — to be much more profitable than local ones within these tax havens. Not to mention that multinationals book five times as many profits in their haven subsidiaries as they do in their nonhaven ones. This, as you might expect, increases inequality, but it doesn't do it in a way that escapes the eyes of the authorities. Whenever these "overseas" profits are paid out to investors — a bit of the owner, because a lot of that money is often invested in things such as U.S. Treasury and corporate bonds despite being listed in other countries for accounting purposes — they still have to pay taxes on it here, so we can keep track of how much they have.

That isn't the case, though, when it comes to the less scrupulous use of these havens: the outright evading of taxes. The problem, of course, is that, by its very nature, this isn't the kind of thing we can even begin to quantify. People, after all, don't exactly

fill out forms telling us how much of their taxes they're not paying.

But it turns out that we don't need them to. That's because the Bank for International Settlements has begun publishing statistics on the banking relationships between different countries that allow us to stitch together a picture of how much wealth is being held offshore. And it's a lot. Indeed, Zucman and his team estimate that around 10 percent of global GDP is being held inside all the different tax havens. It's actually not as bad for the United States as it is for a lot of other countries — about half of Russia's wealth, for example, has been moved out of the country — but it's enough to increase the top 0.1 percent's share of household wealth from around 7 percent to almost 8 percent. That's more than \$1 trillion hiding overseas.

But rather than do anything about that, the Trump administration and the Republican Party as a whole have continued to starve the IRS of the money it would need to pursue these kind of investigations. In the past eight years, tax fraud cases are down 25 percent.

In the meantime, then, the rich will be able to get richer the old-fashioned way: by finding ways not to pay taxes.

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OPINION

Kander has made it OK for vets to ask for help

By STEVE KRASKE

Kansas City (Mo.) Star

Daniel Brazzell was home when he first heard the news about Jason Kander.

The Marine who served in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm had to think for a moment. Jason Kander was the guy who assembled that rifle while blindfolded in that campaign ad, right?

Then Brazzell read Kander's "personal announcement" explaining why he was dropping out of the Kansas City, Mo., mayoral race. He read about Kander's struggles with post-traumatic stress disorder and his suicidal thoughts. He read about his hesitancy to get help, and it all resonated.

"I'm done hiding this from myself and from the world," Kander wrote. "I still have nightmares. I am depressed."

Brazzell could relate. On Wednesday, he was optimistic about the impact that Kander would have on vets like himself and so many who suffer from mental health issues. Kander, Brazzell said, ripped a shroud off a deep, dark secret that has remained far too deep and dark for so many.

"Honestly, it feels liberating," said Brazzell. "It was like, wow, yes! That's what I've been talking about. He's done something that no one's really done that I know of. To be so open about it, it was amazing."

Mental health professionals were encouraged, too. If someone with Kander's stature can be so candid and so public with his struggles, then surely others who deal with demons can now step into the light and ask for the help that Kander seeks.

"That's one of the bravest things for somebody at his level to do that I've seen in a long time," Brazzell said.

Susan Rome, deputy director for Johnson County, Kan., Mental Health, said Kander has signaled that there's no statute of limitations on seeking help. He's underscored that even a successful, way-too-busy person like Kander can slam on the brakes to focus on his mental health.

She called it heroic. And courageous. And maybe even groundbreaking. Here's Kander, at 37, with a hugely promising political career ahead, acknowledging that he's had suicidal thoughts and needs help. Yes, it's a risk, but Rome thinks the positive, embracing reaction Kander's received signals that many Americans now understand more about mental health and would support Kander in a future political campaign once he's undergone treatment.

That's big. "I do think we're in a better place with a lot of the stigma that's out there," Rome said.

For Brazzell, it was just a week before when he finally decided to tell colleagues at Team Fidelis about his own struggles



Democrat Jason Kander, left, campaigns in Missouri for a U.S. Senate seat in 2016. Citing depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, Kander dropped out of this year's Kansas City, Mo., mayor's race. Los Angeles Times

with PTSD. Based in Overland Park, Kan., Team Fidelis works to end the epidemic of veteran suicide. Still, opening up with colleagues even in an organization like his was brutally difficult for the 48-year-old founder of Team Fidelis.

"You always want to be the leader," Brazzell said. "You want to be strong. You want to be that rock for them."

Then Kander came along and made it OK to open up.

Brazzell served on a minefield breach

team. He knows the sound of incoming artillery. He's experienced bullets and bombs. He's seen death.

He also knows what PTSD can do to a person. Thanks to Kander, he also knows that going forward, it's OK to raise a hand and say, "I need help, too."

There's an irony here. Jason Kander isn't even in public office right now, and he may have just made the biggest contribution that he'll ever make.

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Isakson vows 'Blue Water' relief; Trump inflates Choice reform

By TOM PHILPOTT

Special to Stars and Stripes

Veterans have reason to be uncertain over what Congress and the Trump administration plan both for "Blue Water Navy" Vietnam War veterans who have Agent Orange-related ailments and for veterans seeking smoother access to more convenient and timely health services from private-sector physicians and hospitals.

Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, insisted throughout a hearing last month that he and Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie will deliver a solution to extend VA disability benefits and health care to veterans who served on ships off the coast of Vietnam during that war and today have conditions VA presumes are linked to toxic defoliants sprayed on land.

But Wilkie, the only witness at the "State of the VA" hearing, wasn't prepared to echo the chairman's assurances. Wilkie didn't even mention the House-passed Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act (HR 299) in his oral statement highlighting priorities for improving the VA's organization and services.

In his written testimony, he reiterated VA's support to extending benefits for up to 90,000 aging Blue Water Navy veterans and survivors, giving the VA's "commitment to science and an evidence-based approach to creating or expanding [Agent Orange] presumptions should be maintained."

If HR 299 is enacted, a stronger scientific evidence base for shipboard veterans were exposed to wartime defoliants, Wilkie wrote, it "would erode confidence in the soundness and fairness of the veterans' disability benefits system, creating the impression that the system can be gamed by political activists."

Also, he argued, it would increase pressure on the VA to "expand additional presumptions administratively, under a similarly liberal approach, favoring less deserving but politically demanding veterans over more deserving veterans who trust VA to do the right thing for all veterans."

The VA estimates HR 299 would cost

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\$6.7 billion over 10 years and affect efforts to reduce its backlog of claims and claim appeals. The VA would have to reopen 30,000 previously denied claims and 230,000 additional claims over the next decade.

Despite Wilkie's official hard line, Isakson said his talks with the secretary over the past month left him hopeful the VA will cooperate with Congress on finding a solution. Why he thought so was hard to decipher throughout the hearing.

"The secretary is right in the reasons he's been opposed to just doing Blue Water period. But he's not wrong about how we get to" a solution, Isakson said. That path, he suggested, is that his committee keeps working with the VA. "The veterans who they deserve that benefit ought to get it," he said.

"So, I really want to set the table at this hearing with the secretary present. Thank him for giving me the time ... to talk about this. And appreciate what his attitude is, about customer service being the principal foundation of his administration at the VA."

Veterans in their states who serve off Vietnam have Agent Orange-related illnesses and continue to be turned down for VA care and compensation.

The closest Wilkie came to a concession was telling Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., that he had pledged to work with Isakson "to make sure that we get it right ... for all of our veterans." But Wilkie then referred to

concerns raised by The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and Paralyzed Veterans of America that the House-passed bill would pay for Blue Water Navy benefits by raising VA home loan fees, including, for the first time, imposing fees on some disabled veterans who buy higher priced homes.

Wilkie said he agreed with those concerns. He assured Heller that Nevada veterans exposed to Agent Orange would qualify for compensation. But he didn't concede the VA is ready to presume all Blue Water Navy veterans were exposed.

Isakson interjected that Heller had missed the chairman's opening statement in which he explained the "issue of dealing with Blue Water Navy is no longer going to be a question. How we do it is going to be the question."

Pointing to Wilkie, Isakson said he "has agreed to work with us to make that happen." Isakson gave similar assurances to four more colleagues critical of the VA's opposition to HR 299. Finally, Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., told Isakson: "I know what the conversations have been, Mr. Chairman, and I'm really looking for a somewhat less equivocal answer." He didn't get it, not at this hearing.

Real choice or not? President Donald Trump, at a signing ceremony for a funding bill for the VA and military construction projects (HR 5895), made some unfounded claims about Veterans Choice, confusing a troubled program in effect since 2014 with reforms to VA community care programs set to kick in next year.

Thanks to him, Trump said to applause at North Las Vegas VA Medical Center on Sept. 21, "we have now VA Choice. So now if a veteran can't get the care they need from the VA in a timely fashion, they have the right to go see a private doctor. Today for the first time in American history, I am about to sign a bill that will fully and permanently give our great and cherished veterans choice."

His declaration didn't match details or nuances of statutory changes enacted that day or earlier this year. HR 5895 does provide, through 2021, billions of dollars more

to fund sweeping reforms to VA community care programs as authorized in the VA Mission Act signed in June. But the impact of the reforms on veterans seeking outside care won't be known until the VA develops and publishes new access standards for VA-paid community care. That won't occur until next summer.

"We had people waiting in line with a simple problem that, by the time they saw a [VA] doctor, they were terminally ill," said Trump. "No more of that. If you have a [line at the VA] you go see a [private-sector] doctor."

No responsible VA official would make that claim. The Mission Act will end two current triggers under the Choice program for granting access to outside care: waits longer than 30 days for a VA appointment or trips longer than 40 miles from home to be seen by a VA primary care provider. Those will go away.

But Trump and veterans don't yet know what will replace them. The new law mandates that the VA schedule more timely appointments at its facilities, improve staffing, establish a network of commercial walk-in clinics and ensure prompt payment of outside providers. It also requires that veterans have access to community care if the VA is unable to provide timely care as needed.

The Mission Act, however, allows the VA more leeway than under Choice to set access standards and decide how to use them. Whether patients are referred to outside provider networks will depend on "clinical needs" as determined by their VA health care providers in consultation with the patients. Factors to be considered will include distance to VA facilities, type of care required, timeliness of appointments and whether patients face an excessive burden if forced to rely on VA care.

Those are details veterans must understand and hyperbolic politicians ignore.

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New Zealand troops' remains returned

By MARCUS FICHTL
Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — The remains of two New Zealand servicemen who died in South Korea shortly after hostilities ended on the peninsula finally began their journey home Friday. Army driver Herbert Hunn, 24, and navy telegraphist Peter Mollison, 19, were brought aboard a New Zealand Air Force jet after a repatriation ceremony at Osan Air Base's passenger terminal. The pair were to be returned to family members Sunday at Royal New Zealand Air Base Auckland. "These two men beside me were not killed in combat and, in fact, died after the armistice agreement," New Zealand Ambassador

to South Korea Philip Turner said during the ceremony. "They were part of New Zealand and the international community's commitment to security here." Both Hunn, who died in a vehicle accident in 1955, and Mollison, who succumbed to meningitis in 1957, had been interred at a United Nations cemetery in Busan. "Between 1955 and 1971, a New Zealander who died while serving abroad was buried overseas unless their families paid the repatriation cost," Turner said. Legislation passed last year brought about a program aimed at bringing those servicemen home. It's called Te Aurangi — Maori for "the return." "When it's finished, Te Aurangi will see 35 people returning to

New Zealand from six countries and nine locations, Turner said. "South Korea is the final country in what has been a significant national project for New Zealand." Friday's ceremony, which began with a Maori prayer, brought traditional New Zealand song and dance from the island nation to Osan, including the Haka — a traditional Maori war cry. A dozen New Zealand army and navy personnel then carried their respective servicemen's caskets through heavy rain and onto the jet. "We at United Nations Command salute them for their service here, and we pray for their families and their countrymen to find closure in their returning home," said Gen. Vincent Brooks, head of

U.S. Forces Korea and United Nations Command. New Zealand was one of 16 countries to serve under the U.N. flag during the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended with an armistice instead of a peace treaty. Turner said more than 6,000 of his country's servicemen deployed to South Korea in the 1950s. Six New Zealand servicemen now serve in South Korea under the UNC, according to the New Zealand Defense Force website. This was the first major repatriation ceremony at Osan since 55 remains presumed to be those of U.S. servicemen were returned from North Korea in August. fichtl.marcus@stars-
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700 firefighters in Portugal battle blaze

LISBON, Portugal — More than 700 firefighters battled a wildfire Sunday in a national park west of Lisbon that forced Portuguese authorities to evacuate about 350 people. The fire that broke out overnight has already injured 17 firefighters and one civilian, Andre Fernandes. Portugal's civil protection agency, said Sunday. Fernandes said 300 people were evacuated from a campsite while another 47 were removed from their homes in the wooded area as a precaution. Firefighters on the ground are being supported by 225 vehicles and six aerial firefighting units as they try to put out the blaze.

Iran to help combat terrorism financing

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's parliament has voted to join a global convention to cut off terrorism financing, hoping to avoid further international sanctions as the 2015 nuclear accord unravels. Parliament speaker Ali Larijani said 143 out of 268 lawmakers present voted Sunday to join the "Combating the Financing of Terrorism," or CFT. Iran has long provided support to the Lebanese Hezbollah militant group as well as Palestinian armed groups, which Western countries view as terrorist organizations. Hard-liners had opposed joining the CFT, saying it threatened Iran's sovereignty.

Report: At least 11 killed in Haitian quake

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — At least 11 people have been killed after an earthquake of magnitude 5.9 struck Haiti, local media have reported. Citing government spokesman Eddy Jackson Alexis, newspaper Le Nouvelliste said several hundred people had also been injured in the quake, which sparked panic and was felt across the entire country. Seven people were killed in the country's northernmost territory of Nord-Ouest, and about 100 people had been taken to hospitals in the city of Port-de-Paix, it wrote. Another four people were killed in the town of Gros Morne, it said.

German court rejects cannibal's early release

BERLIN — A German court ruled Friday that a man serving a life sentence for killing and eating his victims in Germany in a case that appalled the country in the early 2000s can't be released early. Armin Meiwies, who was convicted of murder and disturbing the peace of the dead, is serving a life sentence in prison. It is customary in Germany for a currently sentenced to life to be released after serving 15 years. But a court in Kassel rejected his release, and the Frankfurt state court said it has now rejected Meiwies' appeal. It said judges had correctly determined that there is "currently no favorable outlook" for his future behavior.

From The Associated Press



AP photos

Disaster aid pours in for Indonesia victims

Above: An army helicopter arrives in Tolado village, Sulawesi, Indonesia, on Sunday with relief supplies. Aid has begun pouring into Sulawesi, and humanitarian workers are fanning out across the countryside more than a week after parts of the island were devastated by a powerful earthquake and tsunami. Right: Survivors react after receiving relief goods dropped by an army helicopter in Pororo village, Sulawesi.



HIV-positive mother donates liver to critically ill child

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Doctors in South Africa say they transplanted part of a liver from a mother with HIV to her critically ill but HIV-negative child, concluding that the chance to save a life outweighed the risk of virus transmission. The mother and the child recovered after the 2017 transplant, though it is not yet known whether or not the child has the virus that causes AIDS, according to the team from the Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre in Johannesburg. The University of the Witwatersrand experts explained the procedure in an article published

Thursday in the journal AIDS. The university said it was "believed to be the world's first intentional liver transplant" from a donor with HIV to a recipient without the virus, and that its success opens the way to "a potential new pool of living donors that could save additional lives." Medication provided to the child before the transplant may have prevented HIV transmission, though that will only become clear over time, the experts said. A liver from a donor without HIV was not available in a country where there is a chronic shortage of organs available for transplant. "The transplant team faced the dilemma of saving the child's life whilst at the same time knowing

that the child might end up HIV-positive because of this decision," the university said. The mother, who was taking antiretroviral drugs to combat HIV, had asked on a number of occasions if she could donate part of her liver to save her child's life, and the medical team explained the risks of "living liver donation" to her, according to the university. The organ is able to regenerate and become complete again. "In the weeks after the transplant, we thought that the child was HIV-positive because we detected HIV antibodies," transplant surgeon Jean Botha said in a statement. But more testing by HIV experts at South Africa's National Institute of Communicable

Diseases did not find any active HIV infection in the child. South Africa has the world's biggest antiretroviral therapy program, improving the lives of many people with HIV. The doctors in South Africa had to consider that with today's improved HIV medications, the child could "lead a relatively normal life" with one pill a day even if they did become infected, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, infectious diseases chief at the U.S. National Institutes of Health and a leading HIV expert. "If it is a choice between death and living reasonably well with a treatable infection, I think they made a quite reasonable choice," he said.

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Parent arrested after gun goes off in school

OR PORTLAND — Police said a Portland parent was arrested after her gun apparently fired by accident in a North-east Portland elementary school cafeteria.

The Portland Police Bureau said no one was injured in the Thursday afternoon shooting at Jason Lee Elementary School.

Police said the woman, who hasn't been identified by police, had left with her child by the time officers arrived. Police said they found and arrested a person who matched the suspect's description in a search of the neighborhood. Police haven't said what charges she faces.

The 'British' come again in re-enactment

MA BOSTON — The British came — again.

This past weekend, more than 200 volunteers from across New England were re-enacting the arrival of British troops to Boston in 1768. Some played British redcoats; others portrayed the rebellious colonists who eventually routed them.

Events planned on Saturday and Sunday at Boston's Long Wharf were organized by Revolution 250, a collaboration of organizations commemorating the 250th anniversary of key moments that led to America's independence from Britain.

Over the next eight years, Revolution 250 plans to commemorate events including the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party and the Battle at Bunker Hill.

Forest canopy walkway rises up to 40 feet

MI MIDLAND — A new walkway built through the treetops in Michigan was to open this past weekend.

The Dow Gardens was to open its 1,400-foot-long canopy walk in Midland on Sunday. The elevated walkway overlooks 54 acres of forest, ponds, meadows and an apple orchard. The walk's highest point is 40 feet off the ground.

The canopy walk is part of a \$20 million project begun in 2014 to redevelop Whiting Forest. The project also adds a kids' playground, a cafe, an apple orchard and two pedestrian bridges. More than 1,000 new trees were also planted.

The forest is owned by the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation.

Officials: Toilet water put in roommate's drink

TN NASHVILLE — A Nashville grand jury has indicted a former Tennessee State University student who law enforcement officials say put toilet water in her roommate's water bottles.

WKRN-TV reported that Tierini Williams, 21, was charged in October 2017 after her roommate became sick.

The roommate reported to police that she saw on Snapchat that

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he bought in 1988 in Edmore. He said the farmer who sold him the property told him it landed in his backyard in the 1930s. More tests are being conducted to see if the meteorite contains rare elements.

The estimated value of a meteorite that a Michigan man has been using as a doorstep. The Smithsonian Museum and Central Michigan University said the nearly 23-pound hunk of iron and nickel is the sixth-largest meteorite found in Michigan. David Mazurek said he took his doorstep to the university for examination after seeing reports in January of meteorite pieces selling for thousands of dollars. Mazurek said the meteorite came with a barn



RUSS DILLINGHAM, THE (LEWISTON, MAINE) SUN JOURNAL/AP

Carrying on

Sara Willey, of Bangor, Maine, falls off the shoulders of her husband, Ezra, during the annual North American Wife Carrying Championship at the Sunday River in Newry, Maine, on Saturday. Returning champions Jesse Wall and Christine Arsenault, of Team Cure Mito in Oxford, Maine, took home 12 cases of beer in addition to five times Arsenault's weight in cash.

Williams used a Styrofoam cup to pour toilet water in her water bottles.

A grand jury handed down the indictment against Williams on Friday. She was charged with food and drug tampering and aggravated assault, which are both felonies.

Deputy charged with sexual battery of trainee

FL LAKELAND — A Florida sheriff's deputy faces a charge of sexually battering a trainee.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said Scott Walker met the

male trainee last Wednesday so he could help him write reports. At the time, Walker was armed and working an off-duty detail at a residence.

The affidavit says that after Walker helped the trainee, he demanded a sex act and reached into the trainee's underwear and sexually battered him.

When the trainee resisted, Walker went to lock the residence, giving the trainee time to text a friend. Concerned that someone knew what was happening, Walker let the trainee go.

Walker told investigators he touched the trainee as a joke and only outside his pants.

Police chief admits to taking discarded pills

NY BUFFALO — An upstate New York police chief is on administrative leave after allegedly diverting discarded prescription drugs for his own use.

Kennore chief Peter Breitenauer was charged Friday with possession of hydrocodone. He could face up to a year in prison if he's convicted.

Federal prosecutors said Breitenauer admitted taking more than 100 pills from a police station drop box because he's addicted to prescription painkillers.



Breitenauer, 68, has been on the force since 1984, becoming chief in 2012. Breitenauer was released after appearing in Buffalo federal court. Lawyer Thomas Eonamou said he's weighing treatment.

Man sues store after slipping on chile pod

NM SANTA FE — A New Mexico man is suing a supermarket chain after he says he slipped and fell on a green chile pod.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that a lawyer for Richard Berman filed a lawsuit in Santa Fe District Court on Thursday, two years after the chile allegedly swept Berman off his feet.

Berman is seeking damages from Sprouts Farmers Markets for injuries he suffered to his neck, shoulder, back and left knee. The lawsuit claims Berman continues to suffer from headaches and other pains.

Doctor who provided Botox gets probation

OR PORTLAND — A former doctor who injected patients with wrinkle-reducing drugs Botox and Juvederm that she got from outside the country has been sentenced.

The Oregonian reported that Brenda Roberts, 54, of Troutdale, was sentenced Thursday to six months of probation and 40 hours of community service.

Roberts pleaded guilty in June to one count of receipt and delivery in interstate commerce of misbranded drugs. She voluntarily surrendered her medical license after the Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Food & Drug Administration opened an investigation.

Drugs, firearms found in cop's rental unit

NC LUMBERTON — An investigation found that a police chief in North Carolina had rental units holding images of nude women, narcotics and firearms.

A Robeson County District Attorney's Office news release says Red Springs Police Chief Ronnie Patterson's units were auctioned off for nonpayment and found to also have a file detailing a sexual harassment allegation against him. News outlets reported crime scene photos, investigative files and ammunition also were in the unit.

An investigation into missing personnel files requested by former Mayor John McNeill uncovered the units. Patterson and town manager Davis Ashburn were arrested on charges including unlawful removal of public records.

From wire reports

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BERETO MATTHEW/AP

Keith Morrison appears following an interview in New York in August to promote his NBC series, "Dateline." "Dateline" is in its 27th season and is the longest-running prime-time show on the network.

'I had to be dragged into it'

Keith Morrison makes true crime a delicious addiction

By ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

Keith Morrison, the "Dateline" correspondent, has spoken to countless murder suspects and grieving family members over the years. But he says he truthfully never had an appetite for covering crime.

"I had to be dragged into it. I resisted," he said recently. "I think I felt like it was an invasion of people's privacy."

Morrison, who says he fell into television after working in radio because he was "pretty much a screw-up at everything else," discovered over time that it could actually be therapeutic for the victims' families to speak with him.

"They want to talk about their loved ones, they want to talk about what happened. They want justice."

Netflix's "Making a Murderer" and podcasts like "Dr. Death" and "Serial" show that true crime has never been hotter, but "Dateline" has been in the game for nearly three decades and is still going strong. Now in its 27th season and airing Fridays and Saturdays stateside on NBC, it's the longest-running prime-time show on the network. It's also the highest-rated news magazine show on Fridays.

One fan, Amanda Michelson of Cincinnati, jokes her dedication to the show is "an obsession." She says she has nightmares about the show sometimes but "can't get enough." Michelson is especially pleased

when she sits down to watch an episode and learns Morrison is assigned to the story. "When I hear his voice, I know it's going to be a good one," she says.

NBC has taken advantage of the popularity of "Dateline." There are "Dateline" socks for sale and even free voicemails available for download on SoundCloud featuring Morrison and fellow correspondent Josh Mankiewicz. In one voicemail option, Morrison says, "No one can get to the phone. Troubling, really. Just leave a message and someone will get back to you. Or will they?"

There's also lighter Morrison fare that has been made available, like a video of him reading "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." In another, he reads the phonebook and somehow makes that sound ominous. Morrison, Mankiewicz, Andrea Canning and Dennis Murphy are all so popular, this year they were an attraction at CrimeCon, an annual convention for fans of true crime.

Working on "Dateline" also allows Morrison to explore long-form journalism. Episodes can be one or two hours long. "Every story in life is really complicated and takes time to sort out, and it's nice to be able to do that." It's "an ambition" to go even longer, he said.

Interviewing accused murderers doesn't bother him either. "I'm happy to be anybody's confessor; it doesn't bother me ... They're trying to impress you. The most vicious of murderers wants to show he's really a nice guy. He's misunderstood and everybody got it wrong," he said.

Favreau's Star Wars series will be about a Mandalorian

By TRACY BROWN
Los Angeles Times

Get ready for "The Mandalorian." Jon Favreau has revealed some details about his upcoming live-action Star Wars TV series.

"After the stories of Jango and Boba Fett, another warrior emerges in the Star Wars universe," said Favreau in an Instagram post Oct. 3. "The Mandalorian" is set after the fall of the Empire and before the emergence of the First Order. We follow the travails of a lone

gunfighter in the outer reaches of the galaxy far from the authority of the New Republic."

Boba Fett quickly became a fan-favorite Star Wars character after he appeared as Jabba the Hutt's go-to bounty hunter in "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi." Though presumed dead after falling into a sarlacc pit in the original trilogy, his backstory was explored in the prequel films, which showed a younger version of his character. In "Attack of the Clones," it was

revealed that Boba was the clone of his father, Jango Fett, considered one of the best bounty hunters in the galaxy during that era.

Both Fetts were distinct Mandalorian armor that set them apart from the other villains in the films.

The animated shows introduced more memorable Mandalorians including Sabine Wren from "Star Wars Rebels" and Duchess Satine Kryze from "Star Wars: The Clone Wars."

Ben Affleck posts about substance abuse treatment

From wire reports

Ben Affleck says battling addiction is "a lifelong and difficult struggle."

The actor posted on Instagram Oct. 4 that he has completed a 40-day stay at a treatment center for alcohol addiction and remains in outpatient care.

The 46-year-old says the support he's received from family and friends has given him strength to speak about "his illness" with others. He says he is fighting for himself and his family. Affleck says battling addiction is a full-time commitment and "one is never really in or out of treatment."

He had previously sought treatment in 2001 and 2017.

Affleck has been separated from actress Jennifer Garner since 2015. They have three children.

Midler apologizes after tweet causes backlash

Bette Midler is apologizing for a tweet that caused a social media backlash when she compared the struggle of women to the history of racism.

The singer-actress wrote that women "are the n-word of the world" and "They are the most disrespected creatures on earth." Midler was quoting the title of a 1972 song written by John Lennon and Yoko Ono. The comment drew sharp criticism from many who said it erased the atrocities committed against black people and the struggle of black women in particular.

Midler tried to defend the tweet before deleting it altogether and apologizing a few hours later, saying to black women: "I am an ally and stand with you; always have. And I apologize."

Other news

■ A judge Oct. 4 sentenced former rap mogul **Marion "Suge" Knight** to 28 years in prison for running down and killing a man widely loved in court. Described him as a devoted family man and peacemaker in his community. The courtroom was filled by nearly two dozen relatives of 55-year-old Terry Carter, includ-

ing a 96-year-old aunt who, like many of them, cried and console one another. Knight pleaded no contest to voluntary manslaughter on the eve of a trial on murder and attempted murder charges that could have resulted in a life sentence if convicted. He did not look at the family as they spoke of their sorrow and anger.

■ **Alan Alda** is slated to be the next recipient of the Screen Actors Guild's Life Achievement Award. SAG-AFTRA, Hollywood's largest labor union, will present the award to the "M*A*S*H" star during the 25th Screen Actors Guild Awards ceremony Jan. 27, the organization announced Oct. 4. Alda, 82, is an Oscar-nominated actor, writer, director, producer and longtime advocate for science communication. The award is given to an actor who fosters the "finest ideals of the acting profession," the guild said.

■ "Roseanne" star **Laurie Metcalf** and **John Lithgow** of "The Crown" are poised to star as Hillary Clinton and former President Bill Clinton in a new Broadway play. "Hillary and Clinton" is slated to open on Broadway in spring 2019.

■ **Chance the Rapper** says he's donating \$1 million to help improve mental health services in Chicago. The Chicago native made the announcement Oct. 4 during a summit for his nonprofit organization SocialWorks, saying those involved "want to change the way that mental health resources are being accessed." Also Oct. 4, the rapper, whose real name is Chancelor Bennett, announced plans to give money to 20 additional Chicago Public Schools.

■ The governing body of the **Grammy Awards** has invited 900 new members as it aims to become a more diverse organization. Each of the people who received invitations from The Recording Academy are members of the music industry who are either female, non-white, under 40 years old, or fit into several of those categories, according to Billboard. The Recording Academy extended the invitations after receiving suggestions from the Task Force on Diversity & Inclusion, which was created by the organization earlier this year.

Evans bids farewell

Chris Evans has wrapped his final performance as Captain America.

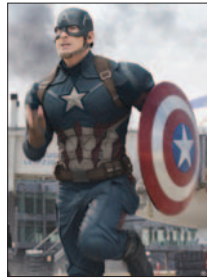
Evans tweeted Oct. 4 that his last shooting day on "Avengers 4" was an "emotional day." The 37-year-old actor thanked his colleagues and fans for his eight years as Captain America, saying it "has been an honor."

Evans first joined the Marvel cast in 2010.

The actor previously suggested he would soon depart the role. Earlier this year, Evans told The New York Times: "You want to get off the train before they push you off."

"Avengers 4" is slated to open in May next year.

From Associated Press



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Chris Evans has played Captain America for the last time.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Hotels try their hand in realm of home-sharing

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

Travelers sometimes want a cookie-cutter room in a downtown hotel, and they sometimes want a cozy Tuscan farmhouse to share with friends.

Hotels have always been good at providing the first one. Now, they're trying to figure out how to provide the second — and to blunt the growth of competitors like Airbnb. But they're having mixed success.

Marriott said Tuesday it's expanding its 6-month-old home-sharing pilot in London to three additional European cities. On the same day, Hyatt announced it was pulling out of a money-losing collaboration with luxury home-sharing company Oasis.

Analysts say hotels are wise to experiment. Airbnb now has 5 million listings on its site, up 25 percent from a year ago. By comparison, Marriott grew 5 percent last year to 1.3 million rooms. In some markets, like New York and Miami, studies indicate that home-sharing is already eroding hotel profits.

But it's not yet clear how far hotels are willing to expand into home-sharing, which challenges their traditional business models. It costs more to clean homes scattered in various neighborhoods than rooms at a central location, for example.

The barriers are so great that at least one major hotel company — Hilton — is giving home-sharing a pass for now. The company's CEO, Chris Nassetta, said the quality, consistency and amenities that Hilton customers expect are best provided in hotels.

Other hotel companies, like Marriott, say they can bring order and standards to the cha-



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

The living room of a flat that will be available for short-term rent in London is shown Sept. 28.

otic home-sharing market. Hotels promise perks they say Airbnb can't match: fully vetted properties, fluffy, white towels and popular loyalty programs that let members use points to book homes.

"The lines are beginning to blur, and depending on what kind of trip it is, sometimes a home feels better than a hotel," said Jennifer Hsieh, Marriott's vice president of customer experience.

Marriott began testing home rentals in London in the spring. Last week, it began expanding that pilot program — called Tribute Portfolio Homes — to Paris, Rome and Lisbon. Marriott says the program now will include 340 homes.

Hotels aren't necessarily luring different customers with their home-sharing options. Instead, they're finding that existing customers want more options, said Steve Caron, vice president and head of vacation rentals for Comfort Inn parent Choice Ho-

tels, which has partnered with RedAwning, a company that oversees 20,000 rental properties.

Take Craig Sowerby, an author and freelance travel writer based in Barcelona, Spain. He's a Hyatt loyalty member and usually stays in hotels, but he decided to try an Oasis apartment for a one-month trip to Buenos Aires this past summer.

There were some hiccups. He had to pay up front, months in advance, for the full \$1,745 cost of his stay. He got fresh towels and sheets weekly, but there was no other cleaning. The Wi-Fi didn't work.

On the plus side, he said, he earned credits toward his elite Hyatt status as well as points for future stays. The apartment also was far nicer than the Airbnb he subsequently rented in another part of Argentina. But he thinks it will be a challenge for hotel chains to deliver the same standard of service in shared homes.

"If the hotel chains end up sim-

ply offering a 'more expensive Airbnb,' then their potential market will be limited to those of us who are points- or elite status-obsessed," Sowerby said.

For its part, Hyatt invested \$22 million in Oasis in 2017, but in the second quarter of this year it wrote off its investment as a loss, saying regulatory hurdles in some cities were limiting Oasis' growth.

On Tuesday, vacation rental management company Vacasa bought Oasis and Hyatt ceased its affiliation, although Vacasa is honoring reservations that Hyatt members already made. In a statement, Hyatt said it recognizes that customer demand for alternative accommodations remains strong, and it could discuss a future tie-up with Vacasa.

Onefinestay — a luxury home rental company bought by AccorHotels in 2016 — offers properties like a three-bedroom villa on Maui for \$975 per night.

But AccorHotels took a similar \$285 million charge in the second quarter, primarily due to losses at Onefinestay. AccorHotels also said it believes home-sharing needs to be part of its portfolio, but the business hasn't grown as planned.

Maggie Rauch, senior director of research at the travel consulting firm Phocuswright, said making home-sharing profitable will be a challenge for hotels.

"Does it make sense for Marriott to build a new Marriott around this flexible, shared space? Is a hotel company going to buy a brownstone in Brooklyn?" she said.

As hotels continue to experiment, the pressure from home-sharing sites isn't going away. In fact, Airbnb is making hotel-like moves of its own.

In late September, it added rooms from 50 boutique hotels in Thailand to its platform through a partnership with a Thai hotel association. Last year, it bought Luxury Retreats, a high-end home-sharing site.

Chris Lehan, Airbnb's policy director, said Airbnb considers online travel agents like Expedia its main rivals, not big hotel companies. The need for accommodations is so vast that Airbnb and hotels will continue to coexist, he says, but Airbnb will do better at providing unique places.

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Euro costs (Oct. 8)	\$1.1823
Dollar buys (Oct. 8)	69.8458
British pound (Oct. 8)	\$1.34
Japanese yen (Oct. 8)	111.00
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Commercial rates	
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China (Yuan)	6.8835
Denmark (Krone)	6.4727
Egypt (Pound)	17.8892
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Philippines (Peso)	54.22
Poland (Zloty)	3.74
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3827
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Thailand (Baht)	32.84
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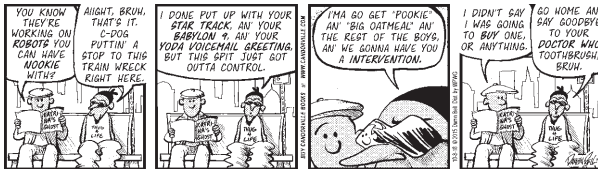
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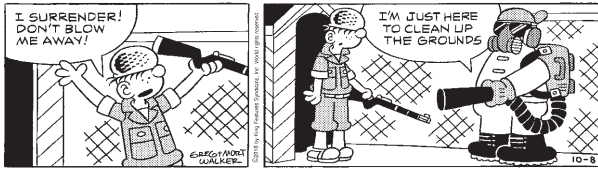
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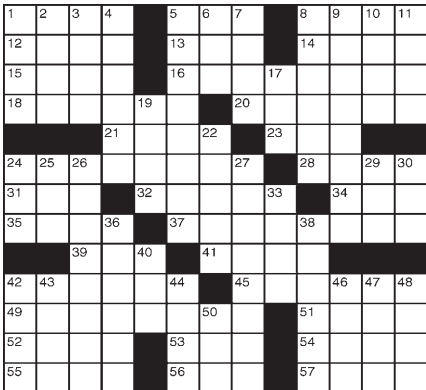
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- 16 Chess climaxes
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- 20 Tuba sound
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- 24 Ultimate consumers
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NHL

Roundup

Toews' hat trick lifts Blackhawks

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Jonathan Toews scored his third goal of the game 2:20 into overtime and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the St. Louis Blues 5-4 on Saturday night.

Toews tied it at 4:45 of the third period when he corralled the rebound of Alex DeBrincat's slap shot and pushed it past goalie Jake Allen. Toews scored the winner on a breakaway to give the Blackhawks their second consecutive overtime victory.

Chris Butler put the Blues ahead 1-0 in the third just 22 seconds after Vladimir Tarasenko's second goal. The goal was Butler's first in the NHL since March 7, 2015, at Toronto.

Cam Ward stopped 26 shots to improve to 2-0. Allen made 25 saves.

Canadiens 5, Penguins 1: Paul Byron had two goals and added an assist in Montreal's victory at Pittsburgh.

Byron had his first multi-goal game since scoring a hat trick last December against Detroit.

Brendan Gallagher, Joel Armia and Charles Hudon also scored to help the Canadiens snap a five-game losing streak against Pittsburgh. It was Montreal's first win against Pittsburgh since Oct. 18, 2016.

Lightning 2, Panthers 1 (OT): JT Miller and Nikita Kucherov scored in the shootout and host Tampa Bay beat Florida in the regular-season opener for both teams.

Florida goalie Roberto Luongo departed midway through the second period with a lower-body injury after teammate Frank Veratano landed on his extended right leg during a scramble in front of the goal. The 39-year-old Luongo stopped all 13 shots he faced in just over 32 minutes.

Golden Knights 2, Wild 1 (OT): Erik Haula scored in the shootout and Vegas beat host Minnesota. Max Pacioretty scored his first goal for Vegas, tying it with 1:31 left in regulation. Marc Andre-Flierly made 29 saves for the Golden Knights.

Stars 5, Jets 1: Jamie Benn had two power-play goals, Tyler Seguin scored another and had a goal at even strength in Dallas' victory over visiting Winnipeg. Ben Bishop made 32 saves, allowing only Kyle Connor's goal.

Dallas dominated the first period with a 16-9 advantage in shots and two goals less than three minutes apart by Alexander Radulov and Seguin, the latter on the power play. Benn scored power-play goals in the second and third periods, and Seguin scored in the third. The Stars' top line accounted for all five goals and five assists. Seguin and Radulov each had two assists.

Predators 4, Islanders 3: Viktor Arvidsson scored twice and Nashville spoiled New York's home opener.

Mattias Ekholm and Craig Smith also scored for Nashville, and P.K. Subban had two assists. Jusea Ross, starting in place of reigning Vezina Trophy winner Pekka Rinne, finished with 26 saves to help the Predators win their second straight to start the season.

Sabres 3, Rangers 1: Connor Sheary scored two goals, Carter Hutton made 43 saves and host Buffalo beat visiting New York for its first victory of the season.

Captain Jack Eichel added an empty-net goal in the final seconds. After being booed by their home fans in a shutout loss to Boston on Thursday night in the opener, the Sabres snapped at KeyBank Center dating to last season.

Brett Howden scored for New York.

Ducks 1, Coyotes 0: John Gibson stopped 41 shots, rookie Max Comtois scored for the second straight game to open his NHL career and Anaheim won at Arizona.

The Ducks and Coyotes played a tight game until Comtois scored in the closing seconds of the second period. He had a goal 49 seconds into Anaheim's season-opening win over San Jose.

Devils 5, Oilers 2: Kyle Palmieri and Travis Zajac scored two goals each to lead New Jersey past Edmonton in Gothenberg, Sweden. It was the season opener for both teams. Stefan Noesen also scored. Miles Wood had two assists, and Keith Kinkaid made 17 saves.

Milan Lucic and Leon Draisaitl scored for Edmonton.

Senators 5, Maple Leafs 3: Thomas Chabot had two goals and an assist, and Craig Anderson made 34 saves in Ottawa's win at Toronto.

Dylan DeMeo and Chris Tierney, who were among the players acquired from the San Jose Sharks in a trade for Erik Karlsson, also scored for Ottawa. Mark Stone added an empty-net goal.

Mitch Marner, Auston Matthews and Morgan Rielly each had a goal and an assist for Toronto.

Avalanche 5, Flyers 2: Colin Wilson scored two goals, Semyon Varlamov had 35 saves and host Colorado beat Philadelphia. Nathan MacKinnon had a goal and an assist, and Gabriel Landeskog and J.T. Compher also scored. Sean Couturier and Mikhail Vorobov scored for the Flyers.

Flames 7, Canucks 4: Elias Lindholm scored his first two goals with Calgary and the Flames scored four unanswered goals in the third period for the win over visiting Vancouver.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	2	1	1	3	7	6
Ottawa	2	1	1	3	8	7
Tampa Bay	2	1	1	3	7	7
Toronto	2	1	1	0	2	6
Buffalo	2	1	1	0	2	4
Boston	2	1	1	0	2	4
Detroit	1	0	0	1	1	2
Florida	1	0	0	1	1	2
Washington	2	1	1	0	4	3
New York	1	1	0	3	7	2
Philadelphia	2	1	1	0	2	3
Columbus	2	1	1	0	2	4
N.Y. Islanders	2	1	1	0	2	8
Pittsburgh	2	1	1	0	2	8
N.Y. Rangers	2	0	2	0	0	3

Western Conference

Central Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	2	2	0	4	7	5
Nashville	2	2	0	0	4	7
Chicago	2	2	0	0	4	7
Colorado	2	2	0	0	4	9
Minnesota	2	2	0	0	4	9
St. Louis	2	0	1	1	2	6

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	2	2	0	0	4	6
Vegas	2	2	0	0	4	6
Vancouver	2	1	1	0	2	9
San Jose	2	1	1	0	2	9
Los Angeles	1	0	0	1	2	9
Arizona	2	0	2	0	0	4

Notes: Two teams have a tie point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Friday's games

New Jersey 5, Edmonton 2
Edmonton 2, Washington 1
Buffalo 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
New York 3, Tampa Bay 2
Tampa Bay 2, Florida 1, SO
Nashville 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Vegas 2, Montreal 4, OT
Chicago 5, Philadelphia 2
Anaheim 1, Arizona 0
Calgary 7, Toronto 4

Sunday's games
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina
Detroit at Chicago
Detroit at Los Angeles
San Jose at N.Y. Islanders
Ottawa at Boston
Vegas at Buffalo
Toronto at Anaheim
Detroit at Tampa Bay
Vancouver at Carolina
San Jose at Philadelphia
Colorado at Columbus
Calgary at Nashville
Los Angeles at Winnipeg
Toronto at Dallas

Saturday

Flames 7, Canucks 4

First Period—1, Calgary, Lindholm (Brodie, Giordano), 0:12, 2, Vancouver, Peterson 2 (Eriksson, Godunov), 13:15.
Calgary 2-1 (Brodie, Giordano), 4:01, 4, Calgary, Giordano 1 (Lindholm, Brodie), 4:28.
Second Period—0, Calgary, Peterson 3 (Horvat, Edler), 2:52 (pp.), 6 (Peterson, Gaudreau, 1:27 (pp.), 9, Calgary, Lindholm 2 (Gaudreau, Tkachuk), 14:28 (pp.), 10, Calgary, Czakn 1 (Kachur, Gaudreau), 18:01, 11, Calgary, Frolik 1, 19:24 (sh).

Third Period—0, Calgary, Peterson 5 (7-8-20), 2, Calgary, Peterson 6 (7-11-37).

Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 2 of 4; Calgary 3 of 3.

Goals—Vancouver, Markstrom 1-1-0 (30 shots-36 saves), Calgary, Smith 1-0 (20-16).

A-18,688 (19,289), T-2:38.

Blackhawks 5, Blues 4 (OT)

First Period—1, St. Louis, Parayko 1 (O'Reilly, Marner), 14:42 (pp.), 2, St. Louis, Parayko 2 (O'Reilly, Marner), 17:32, 3, Chicago, Toews 2 (DeBrincat, Gustafsson), 18:30.
Chicago 2-0 (Toews, 1:27 (sh), 4, Calgary, Schmalz, 1:33, 5, Chicago, Kruger 1 (Kane, Schmalz), 10:25.

Second Period—0, Chicago, Tarasenko 2 (O'Reilly, Marner), 3:58 (pp.), 7, St. Louis, Toews 1 (DeBrincat, Gustafsson), 4:20, 8, Chicago, Toews 3 (DeBrincat, Jokiharju), 6:59.

Overtime—0, Chicago, Toews 4 (Jokiharju, Saad), 2:20.

Power-play opportunities—Chicago 0 of 4; St. Louis 2 of 6.

Goals—Chicago, Ward 2-0-0 (30 shots-30 saves), St. Louis, Allen 1-1-0 (30-25).

A-17,429 (19,150), T-2:38.



CRAIG LASSIG/AP

Minnesota's Mikko Koivu (9) and Vegas' center William Karlsson (71) battle during the Golden Knights' 2-1 overtime win Saturday.

Sabres 3, Rangers 1

N.Y. Rangers 0 0 1-1

Buffalo 1 1 1-3

First Period—1, Buffalo, Sheary 1 (Mittelman, Mittlestadt), 13:15 (pp.).

Second Period—2, Buffalo, Sheary 2 (Eichel, Reinhart), 1:42 (pp.).

Third Period—3, N.Y. Rangers, Howden 1 (McQuaid, Spooner), 15:21, 4, Buffalo, Eichel 1, 19:58.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 10-0; Buffalo 2 of 4.

Goals—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 0-2-0 (28 shots-26 saves), Buffalo, Hutton 1-0 (44-43).

A-16,824 (19,070), T-2:44.

Avalanche 5, Flyers 2

Philadelphia 1 1 0-2

Colorado 1 2 2-5

First Period—1, Colorado, Wilson 1 (Kerfoot, Johnson), 1:35, 2, Philadelphia, Couturier 1 (Konecny, Giroux), 7:30, 3, Colorado, Compher 2 (Girardi), 12:58.

Second Period—0, Philadelphia, Vorobov 1, 2:00, 5, Colorado, Landeskog 1 (McKinnon, Johnson), 16:15-14-43.

Third Period—0, Colorado, Wilson 2 (Kerfoot, Soderberg), 16:21 (pp.), 7, Colorado, MacKinnon 2 (Johnson, Reinhart), 18:45.

Shootout—Colorado 1 (Girardi), 12-13; Philadelphia 0 (Girardi), 14-17-35.

Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 3; Colorado 1 of 4.

Goals—Philadelphia, Elliott 1-0-1 (34 shots-36 saves), Colorado, Varlamov 2-0 (37-35).

A-15,768 (18,007), T-2:32.

Golden Knights 2, Wild 1 (OT)

Vegas 0 0 1-2

Minnesota 0 0 0-1

Vegas won shootout 1-0

First Period—1, Minnesota, Dumba 1 (Coly, 9:23).

Second Period—2, Vegas, Pacioretty 1 (Miller, Marchessault), 18:29.

Shootout—Vegas 1 (Karlsson), 10-11; Minnesota 0 (Hull), 10-11.

Goals—Vegas, Fleury 9-16-13-42.

Power-play opportunities—Vegas 0 of 1; Minnesota 0 of 0.

Goals—Vegas, Fleury 1-0-1 (30 shots-26 saves), Minnesota, Dubnyk 0-1 (42-41).

A-19,077 (18,064), T-3:18.

Ducks 1, Coyotes 0

Anaheim 0 0 1-1

Arizona 0 0 0-0

First Period—1, Anaheim, Connor 2 (Silverberg, Fowler), 19:28.

Second Period—0, Anaheim 5-11-4-20.

Third Period—1, Anaheim 6-12-41.

Goals—Vancouver, Markstrom 1-1-0 (30 shots-30 saves), Anaheim 0 of 4.

Goals—Anaheim, Gibson 2-0-0 (41 shots-41 saves), Arizona, Raanta 0-0 (20-19).

A-17,125 (17,125), T-2:24.

Stars 5, Jets 1

Winnipeg 0 1 0-1

Dallas 5 0 0-0

First Period—1, Dallas, Radulov 2 (Seguin, Carrick), 8:23, 2, Dallas, Seguin 1 (Murray, Trouba), 11:18 (pp.).

Second Period—3, Winnipeg, Connor 2 (Murray, Trouba), 2:10, 4, Dallas, Benn 1 (Radulov, Spezza), 7:26 (pp.).

Third Period—1, Dallas, Seguin 2 (Radulov), 7:38.

Goals—Winnipeg, Hellebuyck 1-1-0 (33 shots-30 saves), Dallas, Bishop 2-0 (33-32).

A-18,131 (18,532), T-2:36.

Senators 5, Maple Leafs 3

Ottawa 1 1 2-5

Toronto 0 3 0-3

First Period—1, Ottawa, DeMeo 1 (Chabot, Smith), 9:42.

Second Period—0, Ottawa, DeMeo 2 (Chabot, Smith), 14:42.

Third Period—3, Ottawa, DeMeo 3 (Chabot, Smith), 19:42.

Goals—Ottawa, DeMeo 3-1-5 (30 shots-30 saves), Toronto, Kinkaid 1-0 (19-17).

A-12,044 (12,044), T-2:33.

Second Period—2, Toronto, Rielly 1 (Manner, Hyman), 0:29, 3, Toronto, Matthews 3 (Smith, Marneau), 3:40, 4, Ottawa, Chabot 1 (Smith, Boedker), 3:49, 5, Ottawa, Tierney 1 (Ozimek), 4:57, 6, Toronto, Manner 1 (Matthews, Rielly), 18:20 (pp.).

Third Period—0, Ottawa, Chabot 2 (Anderson, Ryan), 1:42, 8, Ottawa, Stone 1 (Bucher), 19:35.

Shootout—Ottawa 1-0 (3-4); Toronto 2-1 (3-4).

Goals—Ottawa, Anderson 1-0-1 (37 shots-34 saves), Toronto, Anderson 1-0-1 (37 shots-34 saves).

A-19,321 (18,819), T-2:37.

Lightning 2, Panthers 1 (OT)

Florida 1 0 0-1

Tampa Bay 0 0 1-0

First Period—1, Florida, MacDonald 1 (Huberdeau, Trocheck), 5:58.

Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Cirelli 1 (McDonald), 10:45 (sh).

Shootout—Florida 0 (Hoffman), 10-11; Tampa Bay 2 (Miller, G, Point NG, Kucherov), 6.

Goals—Florida, 16-18-15-43.

Power-play opportunities—Florida 0 of 1; Tampa Bay 0 of 1.

Goals—Florida, Reimer 0-0-1 (16 shots-16 saves), Tampa Bay, Kucherov 1 (13-13).

A-19,092 (19,092), T-2:39.

Predators 4, Islanders 3

Nashville 2 2 0-4

N.Y. Islanders 1 2 0-3

First Period—1, Nashville, Arvidsson 1 (Subban, Forsberg), 3:42, 2, N.Y. Islanders, Barzal 1 (Gallagher), 12:01, 3, Nashville, Ekholm 1 (Sissons, Subban), 16:56.

Second Period—4, Nashville, Filip 2 (Fritz, Shish), 2:46, 5, Nashville, Smith 1 (Turris, Elliott), 13:30, 6, Nashville, Arvidsson 2 (Johansson, Bileto), 16:42, 7, N.Y. Islanders, Lee 1 (Barzal, Bailey), 19:41 (pp.).

Third Period—0, Nashville 12-6-5-23.

N.Y. Islanders 7-15-7-29.

Power-play opportunities—Nashville 0 of 1; N.Y. Islanders 1 of 4.

Goals—Nashville, 19-20-10-42 (29 shots-26 saves), N.Y. Islanders, Greiss 1-0 (23-19).

A-15,793 (15,795), T-2:26.

Canadiens 5, Penguins 1

Montreal 2 2 1-5

Pittsburgh 0 2 0-1

First Period—1, Montreal, Gallagher 1 (Lehkonen, Petry), 11:57, 2, New Jersey, Arvidsson 1 (Lehkonen, Petry), 15:56.

Second Period—3, Montreal, Byron 2 (Hickson, Domi), 3:43, 4, Montreal, Armi 1 (Petry, Byron), 14:05 (sh), 5, Pittsburgh, Neuhart 1 (Sprong, Letourneau), 17:10.

Third Period—6, Montreal, Hudon 1 (Shish, 10:08).

Shootout—Montreal 9-14-29.

Power-play opportunities—Montreal 0 of 1; Pittsburgh 0 of 0.

Goals—Montreal, Price 1-0-1 (22 shots-21 saves), Pittsburgh, Murray 1-1 (23-22).

A-18,622 (18,387), T-2:26.

Devils 5, Oilers 2

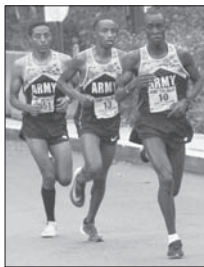
Edmonton 1 0 1-2

New Jersey 1 2 2-5

First Period—1, New Jersey, Nosen 1 (Severson), 0:58, 2, Edmonton, Lucic 1 (Draisaitl, McDavid), 4:01 (pp.).

Second Period—0, New Jersey, Palmieri 2 (Hischier, Butcher), 2:02 (pp.), 4, New Jersey, Lucic 2 (Wood, 3:40).

RUNNING/MMA



JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

From left to right, Girma Mecheso (third), Frankie Tonui (first) and Evans Kirwa (second), the eventual top three finishers in the Army Ten-Miler, head for the seven-mile mark in Washington, D.C., on Sunday.

Army has strong day at 10-Miler

By MICHAEL DARNELL
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Army runners once again showed up strong at the service's premiere race event, taking the top spots in both the men's and women's categories at the 2018 Army Ten-Miler.

Last year for the men it was an Army electrician who finished home the gold. This year it was Spc. Frankie Tonui, who finished noseseconds ahead of Sgt. Evans Kirwa to claim the top spot. Tonui and Kirwa, both soldiers from the Army's World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, Colo., finished with an official time of 50 minutes, 23 seconds.

But it was Tonui, a first-time participant in the race, who earned ultimate bragging rights.

"This means everything to me," Tonui, 25, said after the race. "I've never run a big race ... so this was a big meet for me."

On the women's side, it was another Fort Carson soldier winning it all, with Spc. Susan Tanui crossing the finish line in an official time of 56 minutes, 33 seconds.

There was no photo finish there, as Tanui broke tape more than 30 seconds ahead of the next closest runner, 36-year-old Julia Roman-Duval. It's a finish race fans should be familiar with, as Tanui was last year's female champion. Behind her in 2017? Roman-Duval.

Some things never change. "I know many soldiers are not able to run the ten-miler this year, but I'm so grateful I was here and I was able to represent the Army," Tanui, 31, said. "It's an honor."

Tanui is also part of the World Class Athlete Program. Rounding out the top three for men was Girma Mecheso, 30, who finished with 50 minutes, 29 seconds. Third place in the women's category was Emily De Bruynere, 25, finishing in 59 minutes, 4 seconds.

Melee: Post-fight brawl overshadows main event

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Nurmagomedov's purse has been withheld by the Nevada Athletic Commission pending an investigation, White said. He also claimed three members of Nurmagomedov's camp were detained and released by police because McGregor refused to press charges against them.

White acknowledged the UFC might strip its title from Nurmagomedov (27-0), a Dagestan-born Russian fighter who trains in San Jose, California.

"If he gets suspended, it depends on how long his suspension is," White said. "And if it's a long suspension, yeah, he's probably going to get it stripped."

Nurmagomedov appeared briefly at a post-fight news conference after midnight. He apologized to the Nevada State Athletic Commission, saying the brawl was "not my best side," but also condemned McGregor's barbed pre-fight taunts.

"You cannot talk about religion," Nurmagomedov said. "You cannot talk about nation. You cannot talk about this now."

Nurmagomedov also said he got a congratulatory phone call from Russian President Vladimir Putin, who "told me he is very proud of me."

The wild scene occurred after McGregor (21-4) got caught in a choke by Nurmagomedov, who punctuated this simmering rivalry with an impressive victory over the superstar who infamously attacked a bus carrying Nurmagomedov in Brooklyn last April. McGregor shattered the bus windows with a hand truck because he was angry about Nurmagomedov confronting one of his teammates earlier in the week.

The post-fight trouble started when the Russian champion from Dagestan stepped away from the prone McGregor and immediately pointed at the Irishman's corner, shouting and throwing his mouthpiece.

The men in McGregor's corner appeared to respond with taunts, and Nurmagomedov climbed over the fence and fought with Dillon Davis, a Bellator welterweight who trains with McGregor.

One of the two men who attacked McGregor in the cage was widely identified as Zubaira Tukhugov. The Chechen featherweight is scheduled to fight in three weeks against Artem Lobov, the McGregor team member who was confronted by Nurmagomedov in April.

White said if Tukhugov was the man in the ring, he will never fight again for the UFC.

Nurmagomedov and McGregor both left the ring before the championship belt could be put around Nurmagomedov's waist, and fans in the pro-Conor crowd threw beers and debris at Nurmagomedov on his way out. White said he feared a melee in an arena if he awarded the belt to Nurmagomedov.

"I don't even know what to say right now," White said. "I'm just disgusted and sick over it. We had so much security and [po-



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Khabib Nurmagomedov, right, is held back by referee Herb Dean after fighting Conor McGregor, bottom, during their lightweight title bout at UFC 229 in Las Vegas on Saturday. Nurmagomedov won the fight by submission during the fourth round to retain the title.

lice) here. I didn't see that one coming."

Nurmagomedov and McGregor made no secret of their mutual loathing in the past few months, and the UFC used footage of McGregor's attack on the bus to promote UFC 229, which could be the best-selling pay-per-view card in UFC history. McGregor lobbed several creative insults at Nurmagomedov during the promotion of this matchup, including labeling Nurmagomedov's manager, Ali Abdelaziz, as a "snitch terrorist rat."

McGregor was arrested after seriously hurting two other fighters with broken glass from the bus attack in Brooklyn, but Nurmagomedov shrugged it off and won the lightweight title by beating Al Iaquinta. When McGregor agreed to return to the UFC, he eagerly accepted Nurmagomedov as his opponent.

Before the post-fight madness, Nurmagomedov firmly asserted his grappling dominance over McGregor's striking skill in the Irish superstar's first MMA bout in 23 months. McGregor hadn't been in a fight since losing his boxing match with Floyd Mayweather last year, and Nurmagomedov proved an insurmountably tough opponent for his comeback.

McGregor's dislike for Nurmagomedov likely fueled his decision to take a fight that created a difficult stylistic matchup for him. McGregor's strength is his striking, while Nurmagomedov is one of the most dominant grapplers in UFC history.

Four security guards separated the fighters while they didn't touch gloves before the bout, and

Nurmagomedov went for a take-down in the opening minute while dominating the opening round.

All three judges' scorecards favored Nurmagomedov 29-27, with the champion winning the second round 10-8 on all three cards. McGregor won the third round on every card.

Before the main event, former interim 155-pound champion Tony Ferguson staked his claim

to be the next contender for the lightweight belt with a thrilling stoppage victory over Anthony Pettis. Even Ferguson realized that anything he had done wouldn't get much attention.

"You've got these two knuckleheads over here making the sport look bad," Ferguson said. "What I'm doing is cleaning up the sport. They want to be animals in there? I'm the dogcatcher."

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Saturday's stars

Dwayne Haskins Jr., Ohio State, passed for a career-best 455 yards and six TDs as the No. 3 Buckeyes pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat Indiana 49-26.

Devin Hodges, Samford, accounted for 586 yards and six TD passes while setting three school records in a 66-28 win over Western Carolina.

Laviska Shenault, Colorado, caught 13 passes for 127 yards and scored four TDs to help the 21st-ranked Buffaloes beat Arizona State 28-21.

Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama, passed for 334 yards and four TDs as the No. 1 Crimson Tide ran its winning streak against Arkansas to 12 straight with a 65-31 win.

Clayton Thorson, Northwestern, threw for 373 yards and three TDs to help the Wildcats beat No. 20 Michigan State 29-19.

Travis Etienne, Clemson, rushed for 167 yards and three TDs to help the No. 4 Tigers rout Wake Forest 63-3.

Jordan Ta'amu, Ole Miss, passed for 374 yards and accounted for five TDs in a 70-21 win over Louisiana-Monroe.

Chandler Burks, Kennesaw State, rushed for four scores and passed for another in a 56-0 victory over Presbyterian.

Anthony Lawrence, San Diego, threw for 354 yards and five TDs in a 51-34 win over Morehead State.

— Associated Press



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Colorado wide receiver Laviska Shenault Jr., right, pulls in a pass for a touchdown in front of Arizona State defensive back Chase Lucas.

How the AP Top 25 fared

1 Alabama (6-0) beat Arkansas, 65-31. Tua Tagovailoa passed for 334 yards and four touchdowns and host Alabama ran its winning streak against Arkansas to 12. It took just one play for Alabama to set the tone as Tagovailoa hit tight end Ivy Smith Jr. on a pass across the middle that Smith took 76 yards to the end zone and a 7-0 lead just 21 seconds into the game.

Next: vs. Missouri, Saturday.

2 Georgia (6-0) beat Vanderbilt 41-13. Jake Fromm threw three touchdowns passes, including a 75-yarder to Terry Godwin, and host Georgia beat Vanderbilt. Georgia trailed for the first time this season following the first two first-half field goals by Vanderbilt's Ryle Guay less than five minutes into the game.

Next: at No. 5 LSU, Saturday.

3 Ohio State (6-0) beat Indiana 49-26. Dwayne Haskins Jr. passed for a career-best 455 yards and six touchdowns and host Ohio State pulled away in the fourth quarter. The Buckeyes were forced to work hard by quarterback Peyton Ramsey and an Indiana offense that took advantage of plenty of early defensive mistakes.

Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.

4 Clemson (6-0) beat Wake Forest 63-3. Travis Etienne rushed for 167 yards and three touchdowns, and Clemson ran for 471 yards for visiting Clemson. Three Tigers had at least 100 yards rushing, the first time they've done that since 2006.

Next: vs. No. 23 NC State, Saturday, Oct. 20.

5 LSU (5-1) lost to No. 22 Florida 27-19. Lamical Perine scored twice on short runs, including one after a trick play in the fourth quarter for host Florida. Brad Stewart's 25-yard interception return for a touchdown — the first pick Joe Burrow has thrown this season — essentially sealed the victory for the Gators.

Next: vs. No. 2 Georgia, Saturday.

6 Notre Dame (6-0) beat No. 24 Virginia Tech 45-23. Dexter Williams ran for three touchdowns, including a 97-yarder, and visiting Notre Dame beat Virginia Tech. The Irish had minus-5 rushing yards and were facing second-and-12 from their own 3 when Williams took a handoff into the left side of the line and broke into the clear early in the third quarter, putting Notre Dame ahead 24-16.

Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Saturday.

7 Oklahoma (5-1) lost to No. 19 Texas 48-45. Freshman Cameron Dicker kicked a 40-yard field goal with nine seconds left to give Texas a victory in Dallas. Sam Ehlinger ran for three touchdowns and threw for 314 yards with two scores for Texas, which has its first five-game winning streak since 2013.

Next: at TCU, Saturday, Oct. 20.

8 Auburn (4-2) lost to Mississippi State 23-9. Nick Fitzgerald ran for 195 yards and two touchdowns and host Mississippi State's defense had another dominant performance. Mississippi State came into the game among the nation's top 10 in scoring defense, and the Bulldogs were brilliant once again. The Tigers hit on a couple big plays, but the Bulldogs clamped down.

Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.

9 West Virginia (5-0) beat Kansas 38-22. Will Grier threw four touchdown passes, and committed four turnovers, and host West Virginia beat Kansas. West Virginia has won its first five games for the second time in three seasons.

Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.

10 Washington (5-1) beat UCLA 31-24. Myles Gaskin rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns, Jake Brownning passed for 265 yards and visiting Washington survived UCLA's rally. The Huskies led 24-7 at halftime but saw the Bruins climb back within a touchdown twice in the fourth quarter.

Next: at No. 18 Oregon, Saturday.

11 Penn State (4-1) did not play. Penn State vowed to find ways to push staff and players to bounce back from a loss to Ohio State last week and stop making the mistakes that continue to hurt them in these big games.

Next: vs. No. 20 Michigan State, Saturday.

12 UCF (5-0) beat SMU 48-20. McKenzie Milton threw for 278 yards and two touchdowns to help host UCF extend the nation's longest winning streak to 18 games. Adrian Killins rushed for 113 yards and a TD for the Knights, one of three unbeaten teams remaining in the American Athletic Conference, along with Cincinnati and South Florida.

Next: at Memphis, Saturday.

13 Kentucky (5-1) lost to Texas A&M 20-14, OT. Trayveon Williams flipped into the end zone on a 10-yard run in overtime to give host Texas A&M the victory over Kentucky. The Wildcats' Miles Butler missed a 43-yard field goal to start overtime, with the ball bouncing back off the crossbar, and the Aggies capitalized with Williams' touchdown run four plays later.

Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday, Oct. 20.

14 Stanford (4-2) lost to Utah 40-21. Jaylon Johnson returned an interception 100 yards for a touchdown and Zack Moss ran for two scores to lead Utah over host Stanford. Utah ended a six-game skid against Top 25 teams with its first win over a ranked program in three years.

Next: at Arizona State, Thursday, Oct. 18.

15 Michigan (5-1) beat Maryland 42-21. Shea Patterson threw for a season-high 282 yards and three touchdowns for host Michigan.

Next: vs. 16 Wisconsin, Saturday.

16 Wisconsin (4-1) beat Nebraska 41-24. Jonathan Taylor ran for 221 yards and three scores, including a career-best 88-yarder in the fourth quarter, and host Wisconsin beat winless Nebraska. The Badgers withstood the Cornhuskers' desperate second-half comeback attempt from a 17-point halftime deficit led by two touchdown passes in the third quarter by Adrian Martinez.

Next: at No. 15 Michigan Saturday.

17 Miami (5-1) beat Florida State 28-27. N'Kosi Perry threw four touchdown passes, and Miami pulled off its biggest comeback ever against Florida State by rallying from 20 points down. Brevin Jordan's 41-yard touchdown grab with just under 12 minutes left put the Hurricanes ahead for good, as Miami rallied from a 27-7 second-half deficit. The win was Miami's first at home over Florida State since 2004, snapping a six-game slide against its archrival.

Next: at Virginia, Saturday.

18 Oregon (4-1) did not play. The Ducks had the week off after their first Pac-12 road win since 2016, a 42-24 victory over California.

Next: vs. No. 10 Washington, Saturday.

19 Texas (5-1) beat No. 7 Oklahoma 48-45. Texas won after Sooners quarterback Kyler Murray rallied Oklahoma with three touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday.

20 Michigan State (3-2) lost to Northwestern 29-19. Clayton Thorson threw for 373 yards and three touchdowns and Northwestern recovered from another second-half slip. The Spartans entered with the nation's top-ranked run defense and held Northwestern to 8 yards on the ground.

Next: at No. 11 Penn State, Saturday.

21 Colorado (5-0) beat Arizona State 28-21. Receiver Laviska Shenault scored four touchdowns and host Colorado beat Arizona State for just the second time in the program's history. The Buffaloes overcame the ejection of star linebacker Nate Landman in the second quarter and stifled Arizona State running back Eno Benjamin in the second half.

Next: at Southern Cal, Saturday.

22 Florida (5-1) beat No. 5 LSU 27-19. A week after Florida beat Mississippi State with a double pass, Felipe Franks handed off to seldom-used tight end Lucas Krull, slipped around the right end mostly unnoticed and caught a 15-yard pass from Krull that set up Lamical Perine's second score.

Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.

23 NC State (5-0) beat Boston College 28-23. Reggie Gallaspy ran for a career-best 104 yards and two touchdowns and host North Carolina State held on after squandering most of a big second-half lead.

Next: at No. 4 Clemson, Oct. 20.

24 Virginia Tech (3-2) lost to No. 6 Notre Dame 45-23. The Irish's defense was stripped of Khalid Kareem a stout quarterback Ryan Willis on a scramble and Julian Love was in perfect position to scoop up the bouncing fumble and take it 42 yards for a touchdown, giving Notre Dame a 17-9 lead late in the second quarter.

Next: at North Carolina, Saturday.

25 Oklahoma State (4-2) lost to Iowa State 48-42. Third-string quarterback Brock Purdy completed 18 of 23 passes for 318 yards and four touchdowns to help visiting Iowa State. Purdy, a true freshman who played just one series before this game, stepped in for Zeb Noland — who was starting his fourth straight game in place of injured starter Kyle Kemp.

Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Texas picks off No. 7 Oklahoma

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger flashed the “Hook ‘Em Horns” sign to the ecstatic burnt orange end of the stadium after his third rushing touchdown, and soon after that threw his second scoring pass.

A year after briefly putting the Longhorns ahead late in their Red River rivalry game against Oklahoma when he started as a freshman, Ehlinger had Texas ahead by three touchdowns going to the fourth quarter Saturday.

But Ehlinger still needed one more drive to win the game, and delivered, setting up freshman Cameron Dicker’s 40-yard field goal with nine seconds left to give 19th-ranked Texas a 48-45 victory over the No. 7 Sooners after Kyler Murray had rallied them with three touchdowns in a six-minute span.

“The first three quarters were very impressive. But maybe that last drive was the most impressive to me because when we had really given up a lot of the energy and certainly in a tie ballgame, to let them back in,” Texas coach Tom Herman said of Ehlinger. “For him to go shut the door, with his teammates, that says a lot about his grit.”

Ehlinger was 24-for-35 passing for 314 yards, and ran 19 times for 72 yards. He converted third-and-3 on Texas’ final drive with a 4-yard keeper and his 8-yard drive to the middle of the field set up the winning kick in the highest-scoring game in the 113-game series.

“I still can’t put to words how



NICK WAGNER, AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN/AP

Texas defensive back Brandon Jones (19) intercepts a pass intended for Oklahoma wide receiver Lee Morris (84) on Saturday in Dallas.

incredible this rivalry and to be able to be a part of it, I honestly can’t,” Ehlinger said.

Especially after a big victory for the Longhorns (5-1, 3-0 Big 12), who have their first five-game winning streak since 2013 after winning the annual meeting at the State Fair of Texas, where the crowd of 92,300 at the Cotton Bowl Stadium was split 50-50, burnt orange and crimson, as always.

Oklahoma (5-1, 2-1), the three-time defending Big 12 champion, lost to the Longhorns for the third time in six seasons — this was the

first time in that span Texas was ranked.

“Obviously, it’s not a good feeling. I feel like if I didn’t turn the ball over, we’d have a better shot at winning the game,” Murray said quietly. “We knew coming into this game it would be a four-quarter game. It’s just tough.”

The Longhorns led 45-24 in the fourth quarter before Murray threw a 19-yard TD pass to Lee Morris and ran 67 yards for a score on a one-play drive. Trey Sermon ran 7 yards for the tying touchdown with 2:38 left.

Murray completed 19 of 26

passes for 304 yards and four touchdowns, and ran for 92 yards. But he also had two turnovers, only his third interception of the season and a big fumble in the third quarter when he lost control of the ball when scrambling.

“To get it back there in a tight game and have a great chance to win a football game says a lot about what we have in the locker room and says a lot about the culture that we have here at Oklahoma,” coach Lincoln Riley said, before adding, “It wasn’t our best performance.”

Five plays after Murray’s fumble, not long after his 77-yard TD pass to Marquise Brown to get Oklahoma within a touchdown, the Longhorns led 38-24 when Ehlinger burst into the end zone on a 2-yard run. He then threw a 15-yard TD to Lil’Jordan Humphrey in the final minute of the third quarter.

The takeaway: Texas: With the most impressive of their three victories this season over Top 25 teams, even with the late comeback by OU, the Longhorns are suddenly a front-runner for the Big 12 title. They haven’t won the Big 12 since 2009, the last time they played in a national championship game. Only Texas and No. 9 West Virginia, which visits Austin on Nov. 3, made it through the first three conference games without a league loss.

Oklahoma: The Sooners have plenty of time to recover and make it into the Big 12 championship game, and even the College Football Playoff. In 2015, Oklahoma lost to Texas and went on to the reach the playoff.



DOUGAL BROWNLEE, THE GAZETTE/AP

Air Force quarterback Donald Hammond III escapes with the football against Navy on Saturday at Falcon Stadium in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Hammond, Air Force rout Navy

By DENNIS GEORAGIOS
Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Once D.J. Hammond got back in the game, he turned his first career start into a tour de force.

Hammond, sidelined early after a helmet-to-helmet collision, returned to run for three touchdowns and throw for another, leading Air Force past Navy 35-7 on Saturday.

Joseph Saucier also scored on a 48-yard run for Air Force (2-3), which took the first leg in the competition among the service academies for the Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy. Air Force will play at Army on Nov. 3 while Navy (2-3) plays Army on Dec. 8 in its final regular-season game.

Hammond was injured on a third-down run in the opening minutes of the game. He returned to throw a 61-yard touchdown pass to Ronald Cleveland and run for touchdowns of 1, 2 and 5 yards.

During Air Force’s second offensive series, Hammond absorbed successive hits to his head by two Navy defenders. Shaken, Hammond lay on the ground for several moments while being tended to by team trainers and medical staff. He sat up and was helped to his feet before being led off the field for further examination.

“When I was down on the ground, it hurt. That’s why I was down there for so long,” said Hammond, who learned at the pre-game morning walk-through that he would start. “When I got up, I felt fine, but I had to go through the concussion protocol.”

Officials, after reviewing the hit, penalized linebacker Taylor Hefflin for targeting. Hefflin was disqualified from playing in the remainder of the game.

“We got our butts whupped,” Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. “It’s hard to put into words. We’ve been playing these guys for a long time and this was one of the worst whuppings we’ve gotten in a long time.”

Trick play helps Florida top No. 5 LSU

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Lucas Krull grew up idolizing Tim Tebow, a left-handed quarterback big enough to play tight end.

So imagine how wide-eyed Krull was when Tebow spoke in the locker room before Florida’s game against LSU. Krull was even more star-struck when Tebow congratulated him afterward.

A former Arkansas pitcher and now a seldom-used, lefty tight end, the 6-foot-6 Krull lofted a perfect pass to Felipe Franks on a trick play that set up No. 22 Florida’s winning touchdown in a 27-19 victory against fifth-ranked LSU on Saturday.

“It was like, ‘Hey, can we get a picture?’” Krull said. “He was like, ‘Yeah, of course. Great throw. Great team win.’ So that was awesome to be able to talk to him.”

The Gators (5-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) scored all their points after the end of the first quarter, when Tebow became the sixth player inducted into the school’s ring of honor.

“I didn’t want him to let him down that way,” said Florida coach Dan Mullen, who was Tebow’s offensive coordinator for two national championships. “I know it’s a night he’ll never forget and the whole family will never forget. I know winning that game was kind of like a little cherry on top to make sure it was all smiles.”

With Tebow watching much of the game from the sideline, Florida looked a little like a championship contender.

Lamical Perine grinded out tough yards and scored twice, Florida’s defense was as good as it’s been all season and the difference was another perfect trick play called by Mullen.

A week after beating Mississippi State with a double pass, Franks handed off to Krull and slipped around the right side mostly unnoticed. Krull pulled up and lofted a 15-yarder back to Franks that set up Perine’s second touchdown.

“That last drive they had was a devastating drive,” LSU coach Ed Orgeron said. “We just couldn’t make a play.”

The drive was huge for Florida, which had dropped six of the last eight in the series and in a row in Gainesville. It immediately allowed LSU’s go-ahead score that featured two long runs from Nick Brossette.

“Lucky runs,” Gators defensive back Chauncey Gardner-Johnson said. “We busted.”

Brossette ran for 79 yards on the drive, including a 2-yard plunge that put the Tigers (5-1, 2-1) up 19-14 with 8:48 to play.

Florida answered, but didn’t put LSU away until Brad Stewart’s interception and then another one on fourth down on the ensuing possession.

“It’s another step for us,” Gardner-Johnson said.

The takeaway: LSU: The Tigers played good enough defense to win their third straight in Gainesville, but they mustered little on the other side of the ball after an opening-drive touchdown. LSU marched 75 yards on 10 plays, presumably scripted, to open the



JOHN RAOUL/AP

Florida defensive lineman Jachai Polite, left, hits LSU quarterback Joe Burrow just as he releases a pass during the second half Saturday in Gainesville, Fla.

game but never looked the same. Burrow was sacked five times.

Florida: Linebacker Vosean Joseph had the best game of his career, something the Gators will try to build on going forward. The junior finished with 14 tackles, including two sacks. His strip-sack on LSU’s second possession was an early momentum-changing play.

MLB PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

Playoffs

WILD CARD
Colorado 2, Chicago 1, 13 innings
New York 7, Oakland 2

DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5, with necessary)
American League
Boston 1, New York 1
Boston 5, New York 4

Saturday New York 6, Boston 2
Monday Boston (Porcello 17-7) at New York (Severino 19-8)

Tuesday Boston (Eovaldi 6-7) at New York (Sabathia 9-7), APN Sports, 1:30 a.m., CET; 8:30 a.m., JKT

x-Thursday New York at Boston
Houston 2, Cleveland 0

Houston 7, Cleveland 2
Saturday Houston 3, Cleveland 1
Monday Houston (Keuchel 12-11) at Cleveland (Clevinger 13-8), APN Sports, 7:30 p.m., CET; Tuesday, 2:30 p.m., JKT

Tuesday Houston at Cleveland
x-Thursday Cleveland at Houston

National League
Milwaukee 2, Colorado 0
Milwaukee 3, Colorado 2, 10 innings
Milwaukee 4, Colorado 0

Sunday Milwaukee (Milley 5-2) at Colorado (Marquez 14-11)

x-Monday Milwaukee (Freeland 17-7) at Colorado

x-Wednesday Colorado at Milwaukee
Los Angeles 2, Atlanta 0

Los Angeles 5, Atlanta 0
Sunday Los Angeles (Buehler 8-5) at Atlanta (Newcomer 12-9)

x-Monday Los Angeles at Atlanta, APN Sports, 10:30 p.m., CET; 5:30 a.m., Tuesday, JKT

x-Wednesday Atlanta at Los Angeles

Saturday

Yankees 6, Red Sox 2

New York	ab	r	b	Boston	ab	r	b
McCtchN	5	0	1	Betts	4	0	0
Judge	4	2	1	Brimm	4	0	0
Pott	1	0	0	J.Martin	4	0	0
Walker	4	0	0	Bogaerts	4	1	1
Stanton	4	0	0	Leclerc	4	1	1
G.Sanchez	5	2	4	Pearce	1	0	0
Griggs	5	0	0	E.Nunez	3	0	0
Andujar	3	0	1	Kinsler	2	4	1
Hchvira	3	0	0	Leon	2	0	0
Clayton	3	1	1	DeGuzm	3	1	0
Gardner	2	0	0	Cavazz	2	0	0
Totals	34	6	6	Totals	32	2	2

New York 100 100 100-2
E-Nunez (1), DP-New York 1, Boston 2

Boston 100 100 100-2
Kinsler (1), HR-Judge (2), G.Sanchez (2), Bogaerts (1), SB-Kinsler (1)

IP H R ER BB SO
Tanaka 7.0 5 3 1 1 4
Lindor 7.0 1 0 0 0 1
Britton 1 0 0 0 1 1
Chapman 1 0 0 0 1 1

Boston
Price 1.0-1 1/3 3 3 2 0
Kelly 1 0 0 0 1 3
Worrier 1 0 0 0 1 3
Workman 1 0 0 0 1 1
Rodriguez 1 1/2 2 0 0 1
Hembree 1 0 0 0 0 3
-331, A-39,152, (37,731).

Astros 3, Indians 1

Cleveland	ab	r	b	Houston	ab	r	b
Lindor ss	4	1	1	Bryant cf-rf	4	0	0
Brimley lf	4	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	1
J.Martin 2b	4	0	0	Seager 3b	2	2	1
Encrino dh	3	0	0	Gurriel 1b	4	0	0
DeJong 3b	4	0	0	M.Gonzalez lf	4	0	0
Alonso 1b	3	0	0	Springer pr-1f	0	0	0
Goins c	2	0	0	Correa ss	4	0	0
M.Chris rf	3	0	0	White dh	2	0	0
Kipnis cf	3	0	0	Reddick rf	2	0	0
Totals	30	1	1	Totals	31	3	3

Cleveland 001 000 000-1
Housten 002 100-3
DP-Cleveland 1, LOS-Cleveland 4, Houston 2, 7-6, McGowan 3, Heston 1, (1), Bregman (2), SB-Straw (1), S-Maldonado (1).

IP H R ER BB SO
Carrasco L-0.1 5/6 6 2 2 1 3
Miller SS-1 0 1 0 0 2 1
Bauer 1 1/2 1 1 1 0 2
Hend 1 1 0 0 0 1 2

Houston
Cole W-1.0 7/9 3 1 1 0 12
Lindor 1.2 7/9 0 0 0 1 1
Osuna S-1.1 1/9 0 0 0 1 1

A-Miller pitched 3 1/3 innings from the 6th WP-Miller T-3:12, A-43,520 (41,168).

Calendar

Oct. 12 — League Championship Series start.

Nov. 1 — World Series starts.

November TBA — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible free agents who will be free agents on the fifth day after World Series.

November 2 — General managers' meeting, Carlsbad, Calif.

Nov. 8-15 — All-Star tour of Japan.

Power play: Yankees even series

Sanchez, Judge lead New York past Boston

By JIMMY GOLEN

Associated Press

BOSTON — Aaron Judge helped chase David Price early by hitting a home run to a part of Fenway Park where balls rarely travel.

Gary Sanchez did him one better.

The Yankees catcher, who tested his manager's confidence with a sub-.200 batting average and poor defense for most of the season, hit two homers, the second a 479-foot shot clear out of the ballpark that sent New York to a 6-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday night and tied their AL Division Series at one game apiece.

"Just a monster night," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "You know he's capable of that. We all know he's capable of that. That's kind of what we've been waiting for to some degree, where he can take over a game on offense."

One night after Chris Sale earned his first career playoff victory, Price fell to 0-9 in 10 postseason starts and was booted off the field after five outs by a Fenway crowd hoping to see the Red Sox protect the home-field advantage they earned with an AL East title and franchise-record 108 regular-season wins.

Instead, Masahiro Tanaka helped the wild-card Yankees claim the first victory by a road team in a Division Series game this year and gave them a chance



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

New York Yankees' Gary Sanchez, left, celebrates after his three-run home run against the Boston Red Sox with Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton during the seventh inning of Game 2 of the American League Division Series Saturday in Boston.

to advance to the AL Championship Series with a pair of wins at home, where they are 7-0 over the past two postseasons.

Games 3 and 4 are at Yankee Stadium on Monday and Tuesday nights, with Game 5 back in Boston on Thursday, if necessary.

"We can't wait," Judge said. "We know our fans are waiting for us to come back home, especially with the series tied 1-1."

Judge homered for the third straight playoff game, a 445-foot shot that landed in the back row of seats above the Green Monster, high above the 379-foot marker and about 10 feet to the left of the pole flying an American flag blowing straight out. It was the longest home run of the postseason — for about five innings.

That's when Sanchez aimed one in the same direction, sending it

out of the park and onto Lansdowne Street.

"Everybody knows that Judge has way more power than me," said Sanchez, who joined Yogi Berra as the only catchers in Yankees history with multihomer postseason games. "But a homer is a homer. And if we have the opportunity to score runs like that, you know, even if it's 300 feet, I'll take it."

Indians face familiar 0-2 hole in series

By TOM WITHERS

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Indians are very familiar with the postseason hole they're currently stuck in. They saw one just like it last October — from above.

At least they know it can be scaled.

But Cleveland's climb in this AL Division Series seems much steeper than just the 2-0 deficit they're facing after dropping the first two games in Houston. The defending World Series champion Astros have shown their exceptional pitching and extraordinary depth while outplaying the swing-and-miss Indians in every fact of the game.

"They've played pretty much perfect baseball to this point," Indians third baseman Josh Donaldson said following Saturday's 3-1 loss.

"We have had a couple mistakes the first couple games, and now, it's our turn to respond."

Or another Cleveland baseball season will end before the leaves change colors.

Houston's in complete control.

Astros ace Justin Verlander and Gerrit Cole dominated Cleveland's hitters in Games 1 and 2 as Houston's pitchers combined on consecutive three-hitters. The Astros piled up 24 strikeouts against one of the league's most balanced lineups, which is batting a combined



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Houston Astros' Carlos Correa (1) and George Springer (4) celebrate their win over the Cleveland Indians in Game 2.

.100 in this ALDS. The Indians' offense was so anemic Saturday that they didn't have a single at-bat with a runner in scoring position.

If not for Francisco Lindor's solo homer, Cleveland would have been blanked.

"We had good at-bats," Lindor said. "I know we struck out a lot. We had good at-bats, but the hits haven't fallen. We'll be fine."

But as bleak as things appear for the three-

time AL Central champions, who will start Mike Clevinger in Game 3 on Monday against Dallas Keuchel, only have to look back to last October for inspiration. As painful as that might be.

The Indians jumped out to what appeared to be a commanding 2-0 lead in the ALDS before New York stormed back and won three straight to advance, denying Cleveland a return trip to the World Series and extending the club's title drought to 70 years.

The Yankees paved the comeback trail. It's up to the Indians to follow it.

"It might be a little unfortunate that we know it can be done," said usually reliable reliever Andrew Miller, who replaced starter Carlos Carrasco in the sixth inning and gave up Marwin Gonzalez's go-ahead, two-run double in Game 2.

"History isn't on Cleveland's side, either. Of the teams to take a 2-0 lead to home in 2-2-1 format, 24 of 27 have gone on to win the series. The Astros, though, are Cleveland's biggest problem."

The Astros would have every reason to feel confident, but they're not looking past the Indians.

"This is not our first playoff series," manager A.J. Hinch said. "We know it's not over. We're not going to take anything for granted."

SPORTS



Rivalry renewed

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UFC 229

OUT OF CONTROL

Melee in Vegas after Nurmagomedov chokes out McGregor

BY GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

ALAS VEGAS
few seconds after Conor McGregor tapped Khabib Nurmagomedov's arm and submitted to the champion's choke, Nurmagomedov climbed the cage and leaped at the men in McGregor's corner, setting off a prolonged brawl inside and outside the octagon.

A seminal moment in mixed martial arts was immediately overshadowed by a tawdry ending Saturday night when the UFC's infuriated lightweight champion took his conflict with McGregor beyond their bout.

McGregor tapped out in the fourth round of his comeback fight at UFC 229 against

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Dana White
UFC president

Nurmagomedov, who then scaled the cage and scuffled with another fighter manning McGregor's corner. Meanwhile, two men apparently from Nurmagomedov's entourage climbed into the cage and attacked McGregor, who defended himself before security personnel separated everyone.

Order was restored with no apparently serious injuries, but the scuffles immediately dwarfed one of the biggest and most lucrative shows in UFC history.

"Been doing this for 18 years, and [on] the biggest night ever, I could not be more disappointed," UFC President Dana White said. "I'm not even mad. I'm just really disappointed."

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Above: Khabib Nurmagomedov is held back outside of the cage after fighting Conor McGregor in a lightweight title mixed martial arts bout at UFC 229 in Las Vegas on Saturday. Right: Nurmagomedov, top, applies a rear naked choke to submit McGregor during the fourth round.

Photos by John Locher/AP



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